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A body is removed after being discovered during the search of a housing structure in the aftermath of hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach, Fla., Friday, Oct. 12, 2018.
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Official: Searchers find bodies in hurricane-stricken town

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Associated Press
MEXICO BEACH, Fla. (AP)
— Search-and-rescue teams began finding bod-

ies in and around Mexico Beach, the ground-zero town nearly obliterated by Hurricane Michael, an official said Friday as the scale of the storm's fury became

ever clearer. But he gave no details on the number of dead. The death toll across the South stood at 13, not counting any victims in

Mexico Beach. Miami Fire Chief Joseph Zahralban, leader of a search-and-rescue unit that went into the flattened town, said: "There are indi-

viduals who are deceased. We do not have a count, but we are working to identify them."

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Can we talk? Trump's riding high _ and he's got a lot to say



President Donald Trump speaks to the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons annual meeting at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018.

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can we talk? Donald Trump would like to chat.

And, boy, is he ever.

Riding high after Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's successful confirmation, the president has been on a rollicking press tour of late.

He's inviting reporters up to his private cabin on Air Force One. He's calling in to his favorite shows. And he's turning closed White House events into major media moments.

On Thursday alone, Trump held four separate press availabilities, including one that featured a profanity-laced Oval Office performance by Kanye West, the rapper and producer who has emerged as Trump's top Hollywood fan. And that's not counting the more than 45 minutes he spent on the phone calling in to "Fox & Friends."

The president's inclination to chat comes as Trump has been enjoying a spate of good news for his admin-

istration.

While the Russia investigation still looms and polls still predict major Republican losses in the House in next month's midterm elections, Trump has been logging a series of wins, including appointing a second Supreme Court Justice to the bench and reaching an updated North American trade deal with Canada and Mexico. The stream of negative headlines that has been a constant presence through most of Trump's administration has abated — at least for now.

"I think he's having a lot of fun right now," said former campaign adviser Barry Bennett, who pointed to several factors, including Trump's rally-packed schedule, which has put him in front of cheering crowds nearly every night. Plus, "There hasn't been a bad story in over week," Bennett marveled.

Said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders: "The President is his best messenger and it's always a great thing when

the American people can hear directly from him."

Trump's recent media blitz began on Saturday, when it was clear that Kavanaugh had the votes to be confirmed after a bruising fight in the Senate. The president was en route to Topeka, Kansas, for a rally as the final vote was happening, and he invited the small group of reporters aboard up Air Force One up to his private cabin to watch history unfold.

When the vote was cast, Trump delivered a double thumbs-up from his desk and declared it all "very, very good."

Trump had already spoken with reporters as he departed the White House that day, and he stopped to chat again after he landed, to share details of the congratulatory call he'd made to Kavanaugh and his family.

After an hour-plus rally that night, Trump was back at it, calling up one of his favorite hosts, Fox News Channel's Jeanine Pirro, as he drove back to the airport

in the presidential limo. He continued the conversation on the dark tarmac, under the shadow of his plane.

After a brief respite for golf on Sunday, Trump was back at it Monday, taking reporters' questions both as he left the White House and again as he returned from a speech to police chiefs in Florida, weighing in on everything from the employment status of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to Taylor Swift's foray into politics to endorse two Democratic candidates.

He said he now likes her music "about 25 percent less."

Later that night, Trump presided over a ceremonial swearing-in for Kavanaugh at the White House, where he railed against Democrats for trying to scuttle his choice.

On Tuesday, Trump began his day with a surprise press availability announcing that U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley would be leaving her post at the end of the year. After holding forth

for nearly 20 minutes, it seemed Trump had, for the moment, exhausted reporters' questions.

"Any other questions?" he asked to rare silence.

But that was just the beginning. Trump's day also included an Oval Office interview with New York Magazine, a 15 minute question-and-answer session with reporters on the South Lawn as he departed the White House for a rally in Iowa, and another conversation with reporters aboard Air Force One.

Trump also recorded an interview with the local NBC affiliate before taking the stage at his rally, which lasted well over an hour.

On Wednesday, as Hurricane Michael was about to make landfall, Trump began his day with a storm briefing, during which he took questions on topics including a missing Saudi journalist and potential replacements for Haley. He also took questions at a bill signing and after landing in Pennsylvania for another rally, where he said the Federal Reserve had "gone crazy."

After his rally — and interviews with the Washington Examiner, Time magazine, a local television station — Trump headed home.

But he wasn't done for the night. There was one last call, at 11 p.m., to Fox News Channel's Shannon Bream. Less than 12 hours later, Trump was back at it, spending more than 45 minutes on the phone answering questions from his favorite hosts at "Fox & Friends." Yet to come: Chatting at two bill signings, including one attended by Kid Rock and other musicians, a forum on drug trafficking, a sit-down interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," which the network had been trying to tape for more than a year, and that epic pre-lunch appearance with Kanye West.

As Trump headed to lunch with his guests, he was anything but talked out: "We're going to have lunch," he said. "We're going to talk." □

Hurricane-stricken

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Zahralban spoke as his team — which included a dog — was winding down its two-day search of Mexico Beach, the town of about 1,000 people that was nearly wiped off the map when Michael blew ashore there Wednesday with devastating 155 mph (249 kph) winds.

Blocks and blocks of homes were demolished, reduced to splintered lumber or mere concrete slabs by the most powerful hurricane to hit the continental U.S. in nearly 50 years.

As the catastrophic damage across the Florida Panhandle came into view 48 hours after the hurricane struck, there was little doubt the death toll would rise.

How high it might go was unclear. But authorities scrapped plans to set up a temporary morgue, suggesting they had yet to see mass casualties.

State officials said that by one count, 285 people in Mexico Beach defied mandatory evacuation orders and stayed behind. Whether any of them got out at some point was unclear.

Emergency officials said they have received thousands of calls asking about missing people. But with cellphone service out across vast swaths of the Florida Panhandle, officials said it is possible that some of those unaccounted for are safe and just haven't been able to contact friends or family. Across the ravaged region, meanwhile, authorities set up distribution centers to hand out food and water to victims. Some supplies were brought in by trucks, while others had to be delivered by helicopter because of debris still blocking roads.

Residents began to come to grips with the destruction and face up to the uncertainty that lies ahead.

"I didn't recognize nothing. Everything's gone. I didn't even know our road was our road," said 25-year-old Tiffany Marie Plushnik, an evacuee who returned to find her home in Sandy

Creek too damaged to live in.

When she went back to the hotel where she took shelter from the storm, she found out she could no longer stay there either because of mold. "We've got to figure something out. We're starting from scratch, all of us," Plushnik said.

President Donald Trump announced plans to visit Florida and hard-hit Georgia early next but didn't say what day he would arrive. "We are with you!" he tweeted.

Shell-shocked survivors who barely escaped with their lives told of terrifying winds, surging floodwaters and homes cracking apart.

Emergency officials said they had completed an initial "hasty search" of the stricken area, looking for the living or the dead, and were now launching into more careful inspections of ruined buildings.

Gov. Rick Scott said state officials still "do not know enough" about the fate of those who stayed behind in the region.

"We are not completely done. We are still getting down there," the governor added. Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Brock Long said he expects to see the death toll rise. "We still haven't gotten into the hardest-hit areas," he said, adding with frustration: "Very few people live to tell what it's like to experience storm surge, and unfortunately in this country we seem to not learn the lesson."

Long expressed worry that people have suffered "hurricane amnesia."

"When state and local officials tell you to get out, dang it, do it. Get out," he said.

On the Panhandle, Tyndall Air Force Base "took a beating," so much so that Col. Brian Laidlaw told the 3,600 men and women stationed on the base not



Jay Faulk, 56, surveys the damage to his home, Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 in Mexico Beach, Fla. Residents of the small beach town of Mexico Beach began to make their way back to their homes some for the first time after Hurricane Michael made landfall Wednesday.

Associated Press

to come back. Many of the 600 families who live there had followed orders to pack what they could in a single suitcase as they were evacuated ahead of the storm.

The hurricane's eyewall passed directly overhead, severely damaging nearly every building and leaving many a complete loss. The elementary school, the flight line, the marina and the runways were devastated.

"I will not recall you and your families until we can guarantee your safety. At this time I can't tell you how long that will take, but I'm on it," Laidlaw wrote. "We need to restore basic utilities, clear our roads of trees and power lines, and assess the structural integrity of our buildings." □

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Democratic presidential prospects swarm South Carolina

By MEG KINNARD

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) —

Even by South Carolina standards, this is a lot. There's no set date for the state's pivotal 2020 presidential primary. But that's not stopping a half dozen potential Democratic contenders from swarming the state over the next week, connecting with voters and political operatives.

The first-in-the-South primary can be a make or break contest for White House contenders from both parties. In addition, South Carolina's significant black population offers an opportunity for Democratic candidates to test their messages in a way that's not possible in other early-voting states like Iowa and New Hampshire, which have fewer minority voters. That's especially important for a party that could field multiple candidates of color and is making diversity an explicit part of its appeal.

A look at what's happening in the Palmetto State, which could be a political ground zero for nearly a year and a half:

BIDEN, SANDERS

Long fond of vacationing on Kiawah Island, former Vice President Joe Biden has had close relationships with two of South Carolina's longtime senators, Democrat Ernest Hollings and the late Strom Thurmond, a Republican. Biden eulogized Thurmond at his 2003 funeral.



In this June 29, 2018, file photo, former Vice President Joe Biden speaks to the media in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

Biden has said he won't decide on running until at least January, but he's been keeping an elevated profile in the state. He visits Saturday for events with Democratic gubernatorial nominee James Smith and state Senate hopeful Dick Harpoortian. Harpoortian is a longtime Biden adviser who unsuccessfully tried to persuade him to enter the 2016 presidential race.

Biden, 75, has endorsed Democratic congressional candidate Joe Cunningham and even waded into a down-ballot race, backing the party's pick for state treasurer. Earlier this year, he spoke at an NAACP gathering.

Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, another possible Democratic contender, is also returning. On

Oct. 20, he'll take part in a rally with the state's arm of Our Revolution, an offshoot of Sanders' campaign. He was soundly defeated in 2016 by ultimate Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, earning just 26% of the vote.

Sanders' visit has made clear that divisions still exist among the state's Democrats following the bruising 2016 primary. The day after his visit was announced, some of the party's young leaders called the trip "extremely selfish" and self-serving, as Sanders hadn't been invited by any candidate on this fall's ballots. One said Sanders would be better off if he "got lost."

State Rep. Justin Bamberg, one of Sanders' biggest South Carolina backers, said the trip was more

about continuing to push some of Sanders' top issues, like increasing the minimum wage. "The man has never said he's running for president in 2020," Bamberg said.

THE NEWER FACES

A slew of fresher faces are also introducing themselves to South Carolina. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker headlines a Democratic fundraiser in Orangeburg next week that will include many of the state's most prominent black leaders and activists. Without much of that backing, it's difficult for any Democratic hopeful to have much success in a state where black voters comprised 61 percent of 2016 Democratic primary electorate.

A day later, California

Sen. Kamala Harris makes her first trip to South Carolina, with events in Columbia and Greenville. A few days before the midterm election, former Attorney General Eric Holder is set to speak to the Charleston NAACP, the same group Biden addressed earlier this year.

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, the only senator to back Sanders' 2016 bid, has made several trips so far. He's delivering a keynote to state Democrats' annual convention and attending events with Rep. Jim Clyburn and as an Our Revolution town hall.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has spoken to the Charleston County Democratic Party's Blue Jam and hosted a fundraiser for state Democrats.

South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg planned to campaign Friday with Cunningham. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock planned to do the same Saturday. California Rep. Eric Swalwell recently campaigned with another Democratic congressional nominee, Mary Geren.

Nearly a year ago, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and California Rep. Adam Schiff spoke at a party conference. Maryland Rep. John Delaney, the only Democrat who has already launched his 2020 presidential bid, has visited the state multiple times and spoke at Clyburn's event in April. Billionaire hedge fund manager Tom Steyer has also made several trips. □

GOP office vandalized ahead of far-right event

NEW YORK (AP) — Vandals damaged a Republican office in Manhattan ahead of a planned appearance Friday night by the founder of a far-right men's organization.

Damage to the Metropolitan Republican Club included smashed windows, a spray-painted door and a keypad lock covered in glue, according to state party officials.

The damage was discov-

ered Friday. A note left at the scene claimed that the damage was "just the beginning."

The club, a longtime gathering place for Republicans, is scheduled to host an appearance Friday night by Gavin McInnes, a co-founder of Vice Media and founder of the Proud Boys, a male-only organization that describes its members as "western chauvinists." The note left

at the club did not mention McInnes specifically, but accused Republicans of inviting "a hipster-fascist clown to dance for them, content to revel in their treachery against humanity."

Though the note also took aim at Democrats, calling them the Republicans' "spineless partners-in-crime."

Republican leaders called on Democrats to denounce

the vandalism, saying Gov. Andrew Cuomo and others have a responsibility to urge calm.

"This type of political violence and rank vandalism is unacceptable," said Cuomo's GOP challenger, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. "We are one nation and one state. We must not revert to violence under any circumstances."

In response, Geoff Berman,

the executive director of the New York State Democratic Committee, said his party has "zero tolerance for violence."

"This type of divisiveness is repugnant to everything we believe as New Yorkers," he said, before turning his criticism on Republicans. "That being said, Ed Cox and Marc Molinaro's rhetoric on this is wildly inappropriate. We need less hate and division - not more." □

Border Patrol misconduct stats point to Texas

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Border Patrol sector in Laredo, Texas — where two agents were accused this year of multiple murders in separate cases — disciplined employees more on average over two years than any other major sector, according to data released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Friday.

The findings were part of a comprehensive look at misconduct at the 60,000-employee law enforcement agency that includes the Border Patrol. The data showed overall there was a decline in substantiated complaints of misconduct and fewer arrests of agents between the budget years 2016 and 2017.

"The disciplinary reports show that the vast majority of CBP agents and officers exemplify our core values, perform their duties with integrity, and that every employee is accountable to upholding the high standards of professional conduct both on and off-duty," said Melvin Harris, deputy assistant commissioner of human resources management at CBP.

The data do not include 2018. But they showed the Laredo sector, one of the nation's largest, was experiencing disciplinary issues even before the high-profile cases.

According to the reports, there were 435 instances where an agent in Laredo was dismissed, suspended, demoted or given an

other form of discipline in the 2016 and 2017 budget years.

The average rate of disciplinary actions in Laredo was 11.3 per 100 employees in the 2016 fiscal year and rose to 13 per 100 employees in 2017. In both years, Laredo was above the national average for those years, which was 8.1 and 7.4, respectively.

Laredo had the second-highest rate of any sector in 2016, behind only Miami, a comparatively small sector with no land border to patrol.

It had the highest rate of all sectors in 2017. It had almost the same number of disciplinary incidents that year as the neighboring Rio Grande Valley sector, which is the nation's busiest corridor for unauthorized crossings and has nearly twice as many employees. Last month, Laredo agent Juan David Ortiz was arrested and accused of targeting women believed to be prostitutes in what prosecutors say is the work of a serial killer. He has been accused of killing four women, and prosecutors say he likely used his service weapon in the crimes. Ortiz has not yet been indicted and his attorney didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

And Ronald Anthony Burgos-Aviles, another supervisory agent, was arrested in April and charged with capital murder on allegations that he killed a 27-year-old woman with whom he was romantically involved, as well as their

1-year-old son. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Burgos-Aviles pleaded not guilty.

Border Patrol officials have said the suspects were outliers who do not represent the agency or the sector.

The same sector also drew attention in May after the Border Patrol changed its story about why an agent shot and killed a 19-year-old Guatemalan woman, Claudia Gomez Gonzalez, who had crossed the border near Laredo. Officials initially claimed the agent had been attacked "by multiple subjects using blunt objects," only to revise that statement two days later and remove the claim.

Customs and Border Protection is the largest U.S. law enforcement agency and is tasked with enforcing immigration and trade laws. The largest components are the Border Patrol, whose agents arrest people caught crossing the border illegally between ports of entry, and the Office of Field Operations, which manages the ports. The data released Friday are part of an overall effort by Customs and Border Protection to increase transparency and hold employees more accountable for misconduct following



This file photo provided by the Webb County Sheriff's Office shows Juan David Ortiz, a U.S. Border Patrol supervisor who was jailed Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, on a \$2.5 million bond in Texas.

Associated Press

criticism over what some lawmakers and reform advocates said was a lack of oversight of agents and a culture that condoned abuse and misconduct.

About 155 employees were removed during 2016 and 2017 over misconduct claims. Scores more retired. The reports do not specify what claims prompted the removals.

About 250 employees were arrested on criminal charges during the budget year 2016 and 245 in 2017, for crimes including corruption, drugs and alcohol and sexual misconduct. Those numbers declined from 336 during 2012.

Despite the decline, the arrests are a continued concern for the department, which is working to address the problem, according to



This undated photo provided by the Laredo Police Department shows Ronald Anthony Burgos Aviles.

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the reports. Officers and agents are using deadly force less, and non-lethal force, like pepper spray, is also down dramatically. Officials say it's due in part to revamped training on how and when to use force. □

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Tyndall Air Force Base sustains 'catastrophic' damage

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — Tyndall Air Force Base suffered catastrophic damage when Hurricane Michael tore through the Florida Panhandle, ripping roofs off airplane hangars, tossing vehicles around a parking lot and leaving a fighter jet that had been on display flipped over on the ground.

The home to the nation's 325th Fighter Wing "took a beating," Col. Brian Laidlaw said in a letter posted Thursday night to the 3,600 men and women stationed at the base located 12 miles (19 kilometers) east of Panama City. The Air Force evacuated the base in advance of the storm's arrival Wednesday afternoon.

"I will not recall you and your families until we can guarantee your safety. At this time I can't tell you how long that will take, but I'm on it," Laidlaw wrote. "We need to restore basic utilities, clear our roads of trees and power lines, and assess the structural integrity of our buildings. I know that you are eager to return. I ask you to be patient and try to focus on taking care of your families and each other."

The evacuations were ordered Monday and every-



An airplane hanger at Tyndall Air Force Base is damaged from hurricane Michael in Panama City, Fla., Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018.

one except the "ride-out" team left the base by Tuesday afternoon. Michael was a strong Category 4 hurricane as it lashed the base, which is between Panama City and Mexico Beach.

On Thursday, Air Force officials conducted the first aerial assessment of the base and found extensive damage. A report posted on the base website said the flight line is devastated and every building on the

base suffered severe damage, with many considered a complete loss. In addition, the Tyndall marina, the drone runway and Tyndall Elementary School sustained severe damage. A number of aircraft were left in the hangars due to safety or maintenance reasons and all of the hangars are damaged, said Ann Stefanek, a spokeswoman for the Air Force. "We anticipate the aircraft parked inside may be damaged

Associated Press

as well, but we won't know the extent until our crews can safely enter those hangars and make an assessment."

The 325th Fighter Wing flies the F-22 stealth fighter, the most expensive fighter jet in the Air Force arsenal at about \$339 million per aircraft.

"The Air Force remains capable of executing its combat mission across the world with aircraft from other bases, as well as those

that were evacuated from Tyndall in advance of the hurricane," Stefanek said. Florida's two U.S. senators, Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Marco Rubio, said in a letter Friday to top Air Force officials they want detailed assessments of the money and other support needed to repair the base, restore operations and assist base personnel.

"We are committed to its full recovery and we look forward to working with you to achieve that goal," the letter said.

Meanwhile, Air Force Special Tactics Airmen with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron have returned to controlling air traffic at Tyndall, according to a news release from the Air Force. They received the first airplane at 7:06 p.m. Thursday. Officials say the opened runway will help allow aircraft with supplies and food to land for distribution in the Florida Panhandle. Evacuees who took base transportation to Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, were restricted to one large luggage piece per family and one carry on per person. They were asked to make sure they had 72 hours' worth of items. □

Pentagon reveals cyber breach of travel records

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Friday said there has been a cyber breach of Defense Department travel records that compromised the personal information and credit card data of U.S. military and civilian personnel. According to a U.S. official familiar with the matter, the breach could have affected as many as 30,000 workers, but that number may grow as the investigation continues. The breach could have happened some months ago but was only recently discovered. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the breach is under



This March 27, 2008, file photo, shows the Pentagon in Washington.

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investigation, said that no classified information was compromised.

According to a Pentagon statement, a department cyber team informed leaders about the breach on

Oct. 4.

Lt. Col. Joseph Buccino, a Pentagon spokesman, said the department is still gathering information on the size and scope of the hack and who did it.

"It's important to understand that this was a breach of a single commercial vendor that provided service to a very small percentage of the total population" of Defense Department personnel, said Buccino.

The vendor was not identified and additional details about the breach were not available.

"The department is continuing to assess the risk of harm and will ensure notifications are made to affected personnel," said the statement, adding that affected individuals will be informed in the coming days and fraud protection services will be provided to them.

Buccino said that due to se-

curity reasons, the department is not identifying the vendor. He said the vendor is still under contract, but the department "has taken steps to have the vendor cease performance under its contracts."

Disclosure of the breach comes on the heels of a federal report released Tuesday that concluded that military weapons programs are vulnerable to cyberattacks and the Pentagon has been slow to protect the systems. And it mirrors a number of other breaches that have hit federal government agencies in recent years, exposing health data, personal information, and social security numbers. □

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Lawsuit: Man convicted after mother rejected 'dirty cop'

By HEATHER HOLLINSWORTH
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas man who spent 23 years in prison for a double murder he didn't commit was targeted because his mother rebuffed a homicide detective's sexual advances and was convicted after a bogus police investigation, according to a lawsuit.

Lamonte McIntyre, 42, and his 64-year-old mother Rose Lee McIntyre filed the lawsuit Thursday in federal court.

McIntyre was 17 in 1994 when he was arrested in Kansas City in the deaths of 21-year-old Doniel Quinn and 34-year-old Donald Ewing. They were shot in broad daylight in a drug-infested neighborhood. McIntyre was sentenced to two life sentences in their

deaths, but he was freed last year after the district attorney found he had been subject to a "manifest injustice" in the case.

No physical evidence linked McIntyre to the crime and he didn't know the victims. The suit blames his arrest on a "dirty cop" identified as Roger Golubski, who "used the power of his badge to exploit vulnerable black women."

Golubski, who rose through the ranks to detective and captain before retiring, coerced Rose Lee McIntyre into oral sex in a police station after a traffic stop in the late 1980s and harassed her so much when she rebuffed additional advances that she moved and changed her phone number. The double homicide investigation quickly focused on her son, even though he was

taller and had shorter hair than the initial witness descriptions. The suit said the investigation involved "no bona fide police work." Golubski helped one witness find a new apartment in exchange for falsely identifying the teen and threatened to have her children taken away if she didn't testify, the suit says. The lawsuit says the real killer was a drug enforcer known as "Monster," who is currently serving a 33-year sentence for murder and drug offenses. The suit said Golubski also worked closely with drug kingpins to protect their interests in exchange for money or drugs, which he would use to buy sex.

"Whether to retaliate against Rose McIntyre for spurning his advances, to protect Monster's drug



In this Oct. 13, 2017, file photo, Lamonte McIntyre, who was imprisoned for 23 years for a 1994 double murder in Kansas that he always said he didn't commit, walks out of a courthouse in Kansas City, Kan., with his mother, Rosie McIntyre, after Wyandotte County District Attorney Mark A. Dupree, Sr. dropped the charges.

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bosses from prosecution, to quickly close a double homicide, or all three, Golubski, his co-investigators, and his supervisors framed Lamonte McIntyre for the crimes," the suit said, adding that the victims' families believed Lamonte McIntyre was innocent throughout. Kansas City, Kansas, police Chief Terry Zeigler, who is

not a party in the lawsuit, said in a statement posted on Facebook Friday that the department never received complaints from outside or inside the department regarding the allegations in the lawsuit, so a police investigation never occurred. He said the FBI has investigated but provided no further information. □

Man likely got 'brain-eating amoeba' at Texas resort

WACO, Texas (AP) — A New Jersey man who died from a rare "brain-eating amoeba" was likely exposed to it during his visit to a Texas water resort last month, health officials said Friday.

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District said testing done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found evidence of Naegleria fowleri — a rare but deadly amoeba that can cause a brain infection — at one of the four attractions at the BSR

Cable Park and Surf Resort in Waco, and conditions favorable for its growth at the other three.

Health officials said the amoeba was found at the attraction that's a natural body of water, but it'll remain open because risk of exposure is considered the same as at any natural body of water. But officials added that the other three attractions won't reopen until "all health and safety issues" are addressed.

Fabrizio Stabile, 29, died Sept. 21 after contracting



In this July 14 2018, file photo, a surfer takes a spill while battling the waves at the BSR Surf resort near Waco, Texas.

Associated Press

the deadly amoeba. People are usually infected when contaminated water enters the body through the nose, according to the CDC. The CDC reports the amoeba is usually found in warm freshwater, such as lakes, rivers or hot springs. The New Jersey Department of Health said the man had visited the park on Sept. 8. Symptoms generally start about five days after infection, with death occurring about five days later, according to the CDC. □

Students protest Italy's spending plans, burning effigies

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Students across Italy demonstrated against the government's education funding plans, in the first widespread show of dissidence against the new populist government. Students demonstrated in 50 cities, including some 3,000 who ended their protest outside the Education Ministry in Rome. Hundreds gathered in the northern city of Turin, where protesters burned effigies of deputy premiers Matteo Salvini and Luigi Di Maio.

A student leader told Radio 24 that the education ministry had not accepted their request to meet.

"We reject the 'savings' campaign regarding schools," said Giammarco Manfreda, a protest leader. "If the government isn't afraid of change, show it by investing in education." Students were critical of a lack of funds for textbooks, transport and improvements to school buildings, many of which have not undergone serious upgrades in years due to spending cuts. Students also protested for the right of children of foreigners born in Italy



Students march during a protest in Rome, Friday, Oct. 12, 2018. Italian students across the country demonstrated against the failure of the government's spending plans to include promised allocations for schools, in the first widespread show of dissident against the new populist government.

to be granted automatic citizenship, and not wait until their 18th birthdays to apply, and against suggestions by Salvini to restart the draft.

Salvini reacted angrily to the protests, saying that burning effigies and hanging them on street lamps "is disgusting."

"These 'democratic' students, coddled by social centers and by some professors, need many lessons in civic education," Salvini said on Twitter.

Di Maio, who is economic development and labor minister, responded by saying that the ministry's doors were open. "Let's build a

new school together," he said.

The Italian parliament has approved the government's spending plan, which includes money to roll back a pension reform, to offer a basic salary to some job-seekers and to lower taxes. All of these measures were top cam-

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paign promises.

The government calculates that the boost in spending will increase its deficit to 2.4 percent of GDP, which has worried investors and other countries that share the euro as a currency with Italy.

Italy's economy minister has been attempting to reassure international partners, most recently meeting with the U.S. Treasury Secretary on the sidelines of an IMF-World Bank meeting in Bali.

The Economics Ministry said in a statement Friday that Giovanni Tria told his U.S. counterpart, Steven Mnuchin, during a meeting in Bali that the aim of the 2019 budget is "to reinforce growth in the Italian economy."

Italy's plan to boost spending has created concern that the eurozone's third-largest economy won't be able to bring down its high debt. Italy insists that the measures will boost economic growth, eventually bringing the deficit back down, but investors appear skeptical. They have pushed up Italy's borrowing costs in bond markets, a sign of caution. □

France's Le Pen meets Bannon, changes mind on offer to help

By ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Marine Le Pen, the French far-right leader, has met with former White House strategist Steve Bannon and signaled her interest in his project to help European populist parties.

Louis Aliot, a vice president of Le Pen's National Rally party who is also her companion, said Friday on BFMTV station that she met with Bannon a day earlier in Paris.

According to Aliot, Bannon wants to provide "technical assistance" for nationalist parties ahead of next year's European elections but that he "doesn't want to play a (political) role." Two years on from helping to mastermind Donald Trump's successful cam-



In this March 11, 2018 file photo, French far right leader Marine Le Pen delivers a speech during the weekend's party congress in Lille, northern France.

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paign to become U.S. president, Bannon has his sights set on Europe and he is planning a foundation, called The Movement, to boost far-right parties. "We're not going to say

'no,'" Aliot said with regard to getting help.

Le Pen's apparent interest in working with Bannon stands in marked contrast to comments earlier this week when she said

that only European voices should "shape the political forces ... to save Europe." Meanwhile, Le Pen's legal situation grew murkier on Friday as investigative judges upped preliminary charges against her over the alleged misuse of European Union funds by her and her party.

Le Pen stepped down from her post as a European parliamentary deputy to become a French lawmaker after last year's legislative elections, but remains shadowed by the case in which some 15 people have been placed under investigation, including Aliot.

On Friday, a judicial official said Le Pen was now being charged with misappropriation of public funds rather than breach of trust. The of-

ficial wasn't authorized to speak publicly and asked for anonymity.

Le Pen has other legal issues to contend with, one notable one with regard to her posting of photos on Twitter in December 2015 that showed executions by IS extremists. She was handed preliminary charges in March for distribution of violent images. Le Pen posted the images after the November 2015 Paris attacks by IS that killed 130 people.

Le Pen said Friday that an investigation has also been opened over her September Twitter post of a court document ordering she submit to a psychiatric exam in the case.

"This judicial harassment is becoming terrifying!" she tweeted Friday. □



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Missing Saudi writer had big plans for his troubled region

By SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Saudi contributor to the Washington Post who went missing more than a week ago and is feared dead had major plans, including a string of new projects to promote inclusiveness and accountability lacking around the Arab world, his friends say. Jamal Khashoggi, a prolific writer and commentator, was working quietly with intellectuals, reformists and Islamists to launch a group called Democracy for the Arab World Now. He wanted to set up a media watch organization to keep track of press freedom.

He also planned to launch an economic-focused website to translate international reports into Arabic to bring sobering realities to a population often hungry for real news, not propaganda.

Part of Khashoggi's approach was to include political Islamists in what he saw as democracy building. That — along with his sharp criticisms of the kingdom's crackdowns on critics, its war in Yemen and its policy on Iran — put him at odds with the rulers of Saudi Arabia, which deeply opposes Islamists like the Muslim Brotherhood, seeing them as a threat.

The Saudi journalist, whose 60th birthday is this weekend, had also personal plans. He bought an apartment in Istanbul and planned to marry the day after he disappeared. He planned to commute between Istanbul and his home in Virginia.

Khashoggi entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2 and has yet to emerge. Turkish officials believe he was killed in side the building by a death



Yasin Aktay, an advisor to Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks to The Associated Press next to an empty chair with a picture of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi placed on it, at London-based TV station al-Hewar, in Istanbul, late Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018.

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squad that flew in from Saudi Arabia.

A friend and neighbor in the United States, where Khashoggi had a condo since 2008, said the Saudi writer had the contacts and resources to make his plans work.

"He had the wisdom of a 60-year-old. He had the energy and a creativity of a 20-something," he said, asking to remain anonymous out of respect for Khashoggi's family.

Khashoggi had incorporated his democracy advocacy group, DAWN, in January in Delaware, said Khaled Saffuri, another friend. The group was still in the planning stages, and Khashoggi was working on it quietly, likely concerned it could cause trouble for associates, including activists in the Gulf, Saffuri said.

The project was expected to reach out to journalists and lobby for change, representing both Islamists and liberals, said another friend,

Azzam Tamimi, a prominent Palestinian-British activist and TV presenter. Tamimi had planned to interview Khashoggi about the project on his show on Thursday, airing from Istanbul. Instead, the show was held with an empty chair with Khashoggi's picture on it as guests discussed the case.

"Democracy is currently being slaughtered every-

where. He wanted to alert Western public opinion to the dangers of remaining silent in the face of the assassination of democracy," Tamimi told the AP. "The Muslim Brothers and Islamists were the biggest victims of the foiled Arab spring."

Tamimi said he and Khashoggi had set up a similar pro-democracy project together in 1992

when they first met. It was called Friends of Democracy in Algeria, he said, and followed the botched elections in Algeria, which the government annulled to avert an imminent Islamist victory. Khashoggi spoke out against powerful ultraconservative clerics in Saudi Arabia. He was a voice of reform when Saudi Arabia came under intense criticism following the 9/11 attacks, in which a dozen Saudis were implicated.

When Sunni Islamists rose to power in other parts of the region, Khashoggi was pragmatic. He argued that the future of the region can't be without Islamists and denounced governments' crackdowns on them. He argued the most effective way to challenge Iran's growing influence in the region is by allowing Sunni political Islam—a rival to Shiite Iran—to be represented in governments.

Khashoggi was to marry his Turkish fiancée on Oct. 3. He visited the Saudi consulate several days before he disappeared, and they asked him to return on Oct. 2 to pick up his divorce papers, necessary to legalize his new marriage in Turkey, Tamimi said. □



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IS reverting to insurgency tactics after losing caliphate

By BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — After being nearly defeated on the battlefields of its would-be caliphate, the Islamic State group has reverted to what it was before its spectacular conquests in 2014, analysts say — a shadowy insurgent network that targets civilian populations with guerrilla-style attacks and exploits state weaknesses to incite sectarian strife.

In Iraq and Syria, hardly a week goes by without the group staging an attack on a town or village, keeping its opponents on edge even as it fights U.S.-backed forces advancing on the last remaining slice of territory under its control near the countries' shared border.

Hisham al-Hashimi, an IS expert who advises the Iraqi government, said the group now operates like it did in 2010, before its rise in Iraq, which culminated four years later with the militants seizing one of Iraq's biggest cities, Mosul, and also claiming the city of Raqqa in Syria and declaring an Islamic caliphate across large areas of both countries.

Al-Hashimi said the world's most dangerous insurgent group is trying to prove that despite losing its territorial hold, "it still has long arms to strike."

While it fends off attacks on its remaining pockets in Syria, a recent surge in false claims of responsibility for attacks also signals that the group is struggling to stay relevant after losing its proto-state and its dominance on the international news agenda. The main figures behind the group's once sleek propaganda machine have mostly been killed. Raqqa fell a year ago this month, and the group has lost all but 2 percent of the territory it held in Iraq and Syria.

There are concerns, however, that while IS may never be able to recreate the kind of territorial hold it once had, it is trying to latch on to new territory.

One of the group's deadliest attacks since the col-

lapse of the supposed caliphate came in late July, when dozens of masked IS fighters stormed the southern city of Sweida and

city forces have begun a broad operation in the western province of Anbar that borders Syria to take out IS sleeper cells.

It's not clear how many militants are still fighting with IS. A United Nations report released in August said IS has up to 30,000 members



In this undated file image posted on Monday, June 30, 2014, by the Raqqa Media Center of the Islamic State group, fighters from the Islamic State group parade in Raqqa, north Syria.

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nearby villages inhabited by members of Syria's Druze minority, gunning down more than 200 people and kidnapping about 30, mostly women and children.

The ambush shook the community, which had stayed on the sidelines of Syria's seven-year civil war and took many by surprise, raising fears that as the militants are on the retreat, they will try to regroup in remote pockets of territory like this once quiet corner of the country.

Last month, IS fighters stormed the northern Iraqi village of Gharib, killing three villagers and wounding nine after residents refused to collaborate with them and give them supplies such as food and ammunition. Last week, IS attacked the village of Saadiyah, south of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, killing three and abducting one. The group regularly stages attacks in villages in the provinces of Diyala, Salahuddin and Kirkuk and elsewhere, targeting local officials or police because they work for the state.

Iraqi military spokesman Big. Gen. Yahya Rasoul said this week that secu-

Analysts warn that this could be the beginning of a new resurgence of the group similar to the one that preceded their rise in 2010, after many thought the group's predecessor, the Islamic State in Iraq, had been defeated during the U.S. surge there in 2007. Hassan Hassan, senior research fellow at George Washington University's Program on Extremism, wrote in a recent article that IS has been able to undergo an orderly transition from caliphate to insurgency without fracturing.

Last month, U.S.-backed Syrian fighters of the Syrian Democratic Forces began a final push to retake Hajin, the last pocket held by IS on the eastern banks of the Euphrates River near the Iraq border. They have had to advance slowly as the extremists rely on mines, snipers fire and suicide attacks in defending their positions.

Clashes this week in the Syrian village of Sousah left more than two dozen fighters on both sides dead as IS fighters took advantage of a sandstorm and bad visibility to attack SDF positions.

distributed roughly equally between Syria and Iraq, and said its global network increasingly poses a threat. The U.N. report said that despite the defeat of IS in Iraq and most of Syria, it is likely that a reduced "covert version" of the militant group's "core" will survive in both countries, with significant affiliated supporters in Afghanistan, Libya, Southeast Asia and West Africa.

"Make no mistake about it, as (IS) has collapsed inward, in their own way, they have reinforced a center as they've been forced into what is now less than 2 percent of their original territory," U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said in Paris earlier this month.

Many are concerned that while the United States, working with local allies, was able to destroy the physical caliphate relatively quickly, it did not fix governing problems that originally created the opportunity for IS to emerge, including frustrations among the Sunni populations of both countries.

"ISIS is waging an effective campaign to re-establish durable support zones while

raising funds and rebuilding command-and-control over its remnant forces," said a recent report by the Institute for the Study of War, using an alternative acronym for IS. "ISIS could regain sufficient strength to mount a renewed insurgency that once again threatens to overmatch local security forces in both Iraq and Syria."

In August, following months of conflicting reports on whether he was alive, IS released a new audio message, purportedly of its shadowy leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the first such recording to emerge in almost a year. The speaker urged followers to "persevere" and continue fighting the group's enemies.

He also urged supporters in the West to carry out more attacks, adding that each "operation in your land equals a thousand" in the Middle East.

The group appears overly eager to claim responsibility for attacks in the West and regularly claims responsibility through its Aamaq news agency for attacks in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Egypt and countries as far as Nigeria and France.

In August, shortly after news broke out of a man killing two people in France, IS claimed responsibility for the attack. It later became clear that the man was mentally disturbed and had family disputes.

Last month, IS claimed responsibility for an attack in Iran's Ahvaz region, but initially made factually incorrect claims about it. Later, IS released footage of several men that Iran ultimately identified as attackers, though the men in the footage are not known to have pledged allegiance to the extremist group. □

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Indonesian president says trade wars too destructive

By ELAINE KURTENBACH

Associated Press

NUSA DUA, Indonesia (AP)

— Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo added to a chorus of criticism Friday over trade friction between the U.S. and China, telling financial leaders gathered in Bali, Indonesia, that victory in a trade war would be pointless in a "sinking world."

Widodo's comments at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank came as share markets rebounded after The Wall Street Journal and Washington Post reported that U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping may meet at the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina, late next month.

Much attention at the finance meetings in this tropical resort has focused on threats to growth from the uncertainty and disruptions associated with trade friction. A bout of turmoil in financial markets this week added to the sense of ur-



Indonesia's President Joko Widodo delivers his speech during the opening of International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Bank annual meetings in Bali, Indonesia on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018.

Associated Press

gency over the issue. Widodo, who often sprinkles his speeches with references to movies, underscored those worries in his opening speech as host of the IMF-World Bank meeting. "The balance of powers and the alliances among major economies are breaking down. Weakness in coordination and cooperation has caused many problems, including the dra-

matic rise in the price of crude oil and turmoil in the currency markets of developing economies," he told the gathering of financial officials, central bank governors and experts.

Instead, attention should be focused on slowing growth and disruptions from new technologies that are turning many industries "upside down," he said.

In an allusion to the popu-

lar TV series "Game of Thrones," he said fighting among the "great houses" was distracting them from the threat of an "evil winter." "Victory or defeat in wars always brings the same result — destruction," he said, drawing a standing ovation. "It's pointless to become the leading economy in a sinking world."

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, Lu Kang, of-

fered no specifics about a potential Xi-Trump meeting, saying only that China had noted the reports and maintains "communication on dialogues and exchanges at all levels" with the U.S. In a statement released Thursday, the senior American official in Bali, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, pointed to relatively strong U.S. economic indicators as evidence policies meant to nurture sustained growth are working.

He urged the IMF to identify countries that use economic, foreign exchange, and trade policies to "contribute to unfair competitive advantages." The Trump administration is committed to achieving a fair and reciprocal trading and investment relationship with all of our partners, including China," he said. "We welcome the IMF's work on tariff and non-tariff barriers, and we encourage the IMF to focus on less open trade regimes in order to play a constructive role in promoting global solutions." □

At least 34 die in Uganda mudslides triggered by heavy rains

By RODNEY MUHUMUZA

Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)

At least 34 people died in mudslides triggered by torrential rains in a mountainous area of eastern Uganda that is prone to such disasters, a Red Cross official said Friday.

More victims were likely to be discovered when rescue teams access all the affected areas in the foothills of Mount Elgon, said

Red Cross spokeswoman Irene Nakasiita.

People were killed by boulders and chunks of mud rolling down hills following a sustained period of heavy rains Thursday afternoon in the district of Bududa. Houses were destroyed in at least three villages, and in some cases only body parts of the victims have been recovered from the mud, she said.

"We expect the death toll

to increase as some people are still missing," she said. "It's really bad."

At least 31 bodies had been recovered and identified, Owor said.

It was difficult to establish the number of dead because it had been a busy market day, lawmaker Godfrey Watenga Nabutanyi of Luteshe County told broadcaster NTV. "Bridges are gone. Roads have been cut off." □



In this image made from video, residents look at a river filled with mud in Bududa District, Uganda, Friday, Oct. 12, 2018.

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In El Salvador, slain archbishop long seen as saint

By MARCOS ALEMAN, Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador

(AP) — Bespectacled, smiling and with close-cropped hair, the late Archbishop Oscar Romero's visage gazes kindly from postage stamps, handmade busts on sale at the San Salvador cathedral, even from a huge black-dot mural on the side of the Foreign Ministry.

On Sunday in the Vatican, Pope Francis will officially make Romero a saint nearly four decades after he was martyred by an assassin's bullet to the heart. But for many Salvadoran Roman Catholic devotees who already know him as "Saint Romero of the Americas" that will only formalize something they have long known in their hearts.

"He was a great man. He already was a saint," said Jose David Santos, 73, in a recent interview before traveling to Rome along with 5,000 other Salvadorans to be present for the canonization.

"He was a great example of humility," added Santos, clad in a white shirt with Romero's face imprinted on it. "He professed love for the poor man. He denounced injustices. He defended victims. He criticized the violence of the military and of the guerrillas." Romero was slain March 24, 1980, a day after he implored the military dictatorship to "cease the repression" against civilians as the country spiraled toward a 12-year civil war.

At the time — and still today — some in conservative sectors loathed him as a "guerrilla in a cassock" for sympathizing with leftist causes. But he was and remains broadly popular among the poor and working class, whom he passionately defended, and many began lionizing him almost immediately.

"A real man of the people. ... And so even prior to his canonization, even shortly after his martyrdom, we see this almost kind of folk-saint, popular-saint devotion springing up," said Andrew Chesnut, chair in Catholic



In this Oct. 3, 2018 photo, pigeons fly in front of a mural of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, on a wall of the Metropolitan Cathedral in San Salvador, El Salvador.

studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"I've found a number of people that have tattoos of his image on their arms ... a lot of popular murals and artwork on the streets of the capital," Chesnut continued. "So yeah, it's a real, genuine kind of grass-roots, working-class, popular devotion that you don't often see with a lot of other, European-born Catholic saints."

The fervor for Romero is such that the cathedral crypt where his remains were interred can barely handle the thousands of pilgrims who arrive to pray in front of his tomb, beseech him for intervention or give thanks. Many also visit the hospital chapel where he was murdered while celebrating Mass.

Maria Isabel de Hilario never met Romero but is convinced that in 1981, the year after his assassination, he visited her on her sickbed.

"I didn't know who he was, and he came to my bed at the hospital. He put his hand on my head and told me: 'It will no longer be necessary for you to be here. You will be healed,'" he knew that they were

de Hilario said, weeping, in front of the tomb. "We come every Sunday to visit him."

No place is more of a shrine to Romero than the Chacon family home in San Salvador. It was here that Romero sought refuge, watching TV and dining with the family to forget, even if briefly, the death threats that were mounting daily.

"He would sit next to my father to watch soap operas and tell jokes, while they prepared his beans for him. He said that this was his family. He said this home was his Bethany, that he felt so happy that he had an urge to take off his shoes," said Leonor Chacon, 80.

Chacon maintains a collection of Romero memorabilia — his cassock, a shirt, a postcard he sent the family from Mexico City's Torre Latinoamericana, at that time the tallest skyscraper in Latin America — and hundreds have come to the home to hear her. On a recent day she showed a photo of him taken in March 1980, days before his death.

"He knew that they were

going to kill him. He told us, just like that. But he didn't want to talk about it," said Chacon, who first met Romero in 1963 when he officiated her wedding. Romero's assassin was contracted by right-wing death squads, but none of those who ordered the killing were ever punished, in part due to an amnesty for civil war-era crimes that was ruled unconstitutional two years ago.

Many years after Romero's death, Pope Francis declared him a martyr killed because of "hatred of the faith," paving the way for his beatification and then canonization.

"It is the greatest thing we can have, it is the greatest blessing from heaven, the whole world acknowledging his sainthood," current San Salvador Archbishop Jose Luis Escobar Alas said. "Because not only his person but his teachings as well are being canonized." Often said to have been influenced by the leftist Liberation Theology movement sweeping through the Latin American church at the time, Romero famously urged soldiers to disobey

immoral commands and even asked President Jimmy Carter to cut off U.S. aid to El Salvador.

Taking such a bold stance against the dictatorship, Chesnut said, was essentially "signing his death warrant." El Salvador's civil war ended with peace accords in 1992. But the country is now plagued by hyper-violent street gangs, and Chesnut said many Salvadorans turn to Romero for solace from that.

"It's still one of the most murderous countries on Earth. ... Few people have suffered like Salvadorans have in the last few decades," he said.

Esteban Fuentes, a 55-year-old who has been driving a cab for 35 years in the Salvadoran capital and has a weathered card with an image of Romero hanging from his rear-view mirror, agreed.

"He has protected me from so much evil," Fuentes said. "I started working in the middle of the war, and I came out alive. I believe that Romero kept me alive and continues to watch over me in these times of great problems." □

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"Divi Resorts celebrated its Excellence Awards for the 3rd quarter of 2018"



ORANJESTAD — The Divi & Tamarijn All Inclusive Hotels, Divi & Dutch Village N.V., Divi Golf Aruba N.V. and Divi Phoenix Beach Resorts celebrated their Excellence Awards for the 3rd quarter of 2018 with the theme of: We Are Divi on Thursday October 11th in the Alhambra ballroom!

The afternoon started with the presentation of the nominees for employee and supervisor of the 3rd quarter for the different properties, the announcement of the different service anniversaries and concluded with 3 great dance performances by the NLG dancers.

There were also 3 delicious food stations where the Divi employees could enjoy a taste of the different culinary flavors from the Caribbean, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

The nominations for the different categories for the different companies were as follows:

The Dutch Village N.V.: The nominee and winner for employee of the 3rd quarter was Bernardo Romero.

Divi Village I N.V.: The nominees for employee of the 3rd quarter were: Abel Castro, Ignalis Campos, Josy Puche, Raquel Abreu and Virginia Thijssen – as the winner. And the nominee (and winner) for Supervisor of the 3rd quarter was Oodley Merveille.

Divi Golf Aruba N.V.: The nominees for employee of the 3rd quarter were: Vanesah Carlo and Jessica Henriquez as the winner. And the nominees for supervisor of the 3rd quarter were: Liliana Ceballos and Freddy Gross as the winner.

Divi Phoenix Beach Resort: The nominees for employee of the 3rd quarter were: Aengy Restrepo, Miguel Perez, Ceferino Dalisay and Robert Lake as the winner. And the nominees for supervisor of the 3rd quarter were: Jose Sayin, Ramon Statie and Sebastian Suarez as the winner.



Divi y Tamarijn All Inclusive Resorts || Front of the house: The nominees for employee of the 3rd quarter were: Latanya Lake, Julio Tromp, Andres Patiño, Jerry de Mey, Nislany Myer, Helena Solognier and Renata Williams as the winner. And the nominees for supervisor of the 3rd quarter were: Lorena Alamillo and Janine Rojas as the winner.

Divi y Tamarijn All Inclusive Resorts || Back of the house: The nominees for employee of the 3rd quarter were: Gregory Tromp, Giovanni Geerman, Jose Omar Castillo, Marciano de Mey and Zahaira Werleman as the winner. And the nominees for supervisor of the 3rd quarter were: Alim Bulla, Magaly de Nobrega, Sheldon Taylor, Patricio Maria and Dwayne Morrison as the winner. Celebrating their 5th anniversary with Divi were: Ana Marisol Bautista, Patrick Franssen, Enrique Quintero, Josy Puche, Fabian Bermudez, Eamy Stamper, Nesely Dinzey, Alberto Robles, Maira Muñoz, Miguelina Martinez, Betsy Rivas and Arlene Leonor. Celebrating their 10th anniversary with Divi were:

Reynante Olivar, Charles Patrick Lampe, Anne Marie Lake-Francis, Marcelino Solognier, Jorge Palomino and Ritha Saintine.

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Celebrating her 25th anniversary with Divi Aruba All Inclusive was: Beatriz Diosa Uribe. Celebrating his 30th anniversary with The Dutch Village was: Johnny Biezen. The management of the Divi Resorts would like to congratulate all of its nominees and winners of the different properties and also thank all the employees celebrating their different anniversaries for their loyal service throughout the years. A special thanks to the NLG dancers for their wonderful performance and also, a big thanks goes to all of the banquet personnel and chefs for making this event a success!

Continue with your great work and thank you all for being part of the Divi family—We Are Divi! □

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The characterizations mostly connected to the Caribbean are "paradise" and Relaxation". The region provides a high level of ease in a world that is very busy and sometimes confined within a maze of confusing times. The "Caribbean Lounge" may be the perfect ethos of the region. With a bit more futuristic view, why couldn't the Caribbean be a Space Lounge?

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There are five steps that might be possible scenarios going forward as a Caribbean body that might help to achieve the goal of becoming the primary Space Lounge for the world. The five development strategies are to facilitate an initial program team who would focus on setting up a series of action points and representing the scope of responsibilities for each regional partner.

To start with, This would take shape by identifying persons or organizations within the region from the different regional nation groups which are for example the Dutch Caribbean, the French Caribbean, the British Caribbean, the USA Caribbean, and the independent and allied nation groups, who would work together to develop this MSL-Program Team.

Secondly, this MSL-Program Team could look at developing a MSL - Capacity Initiative that would identify which areas are significant



to begin a preparation or a strategy to grow and working or collaborating with different programs that exist in the region. Basically establishing a SWAT analysis within this context, and then from there seeing who within the region or context would be a good partner to grow the human skill and knowledge capacity in the following key areas.

If the Caribbean region were to become the host for the world in becoming the space lounge it would be important to initiate training and strategic investment activities in the following areas. Working on and initiating processes that facilitate a regional fluid logistic movement between islands, taking part in satellite development programs, growing a specialized elite executive and event services program, developing initiatives that focuses on growing strategic agricultural specialists, and finally growing awareness and innovative services for Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics, holographic, and nanotechnology.

"the Caribbean economies are hampered by a lack of intra-regional transportation, and the govern-

ments should work together to assess how best to develop an air and maritime travel system that meets the needs of the region's citizens. Despite the challenges, the Caribbean's economic future can be made much brighter by combining the talent and know-how that drives the knowledge economy with the practical demands of today's global service sector to lay a strong economic foundation for the twenty-first century," according to a study called "Beyond Tourism: The Future of the Services Industry in the Caribbean" published in "The Caribbean Papers: A Project on Caribbean Economic Governance".

The Space Jump industry, as I like to call it, is a multi-billion dollar one that does not seem to want to slow down in its passion towards this future space goal. Since 2014, more than fifty-nine nations, were in one way or another involved in the US\$42.4 billion space race and were finding ways to accelerate that process. Thirdly we would have to consider having Regional Activation Packages. This would take shape by each country, within the region, proactively requesting

and representing the set improvements and identify the persons or startups that they are presenting as candidates to receive the financial activation subsidy package. This would then be to develop activities in context of the space lounge program. As we progress towards a time of unprecedented advancements in the digital industries and social convergences, we as a region have to assess ourselves and begin to define our future desired goals.

Fourthly we would consider which international agent partners or organizations that could be connected to the space lounge program to assist with the representation and framing of this Caribbean space lounge strategy. The question of were should we start or what should this vision look like might be a thought, but what can be said is that examples can be taken from nations like Curacao who some years back started a process that considered space tourism as a means of national development. By countries in the region positioning and associating themselves with progressive scenarios, it helps to stimulate region-

al change.

The fifth and Final Caribbean space lounge step could be the setting up of a "feast for all festival" that would be about identifying, initiating funding programs and facilitating community service organizations who are supporting the less fortunate and homeless shelters in our region. By doing this we are able to not only give back but also make sure to not miss out on valuable talent that can be nurtured and identified through these programs.

In conclusion the Caribbean could position itself to become the space lounge for the activities that will be developed in relation to all forms of space tourism, research and development, the moon gate project and moon related developments, and the transformational vision of life on Mars and life among the stars. The Caribbean is the most suited region with all of its allied partners to lead the charge in developing the necessary conditions to lift us into that next stage of growth as a region.

By Damien Richardson.□

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What if they had an Olympics, but no one would host?

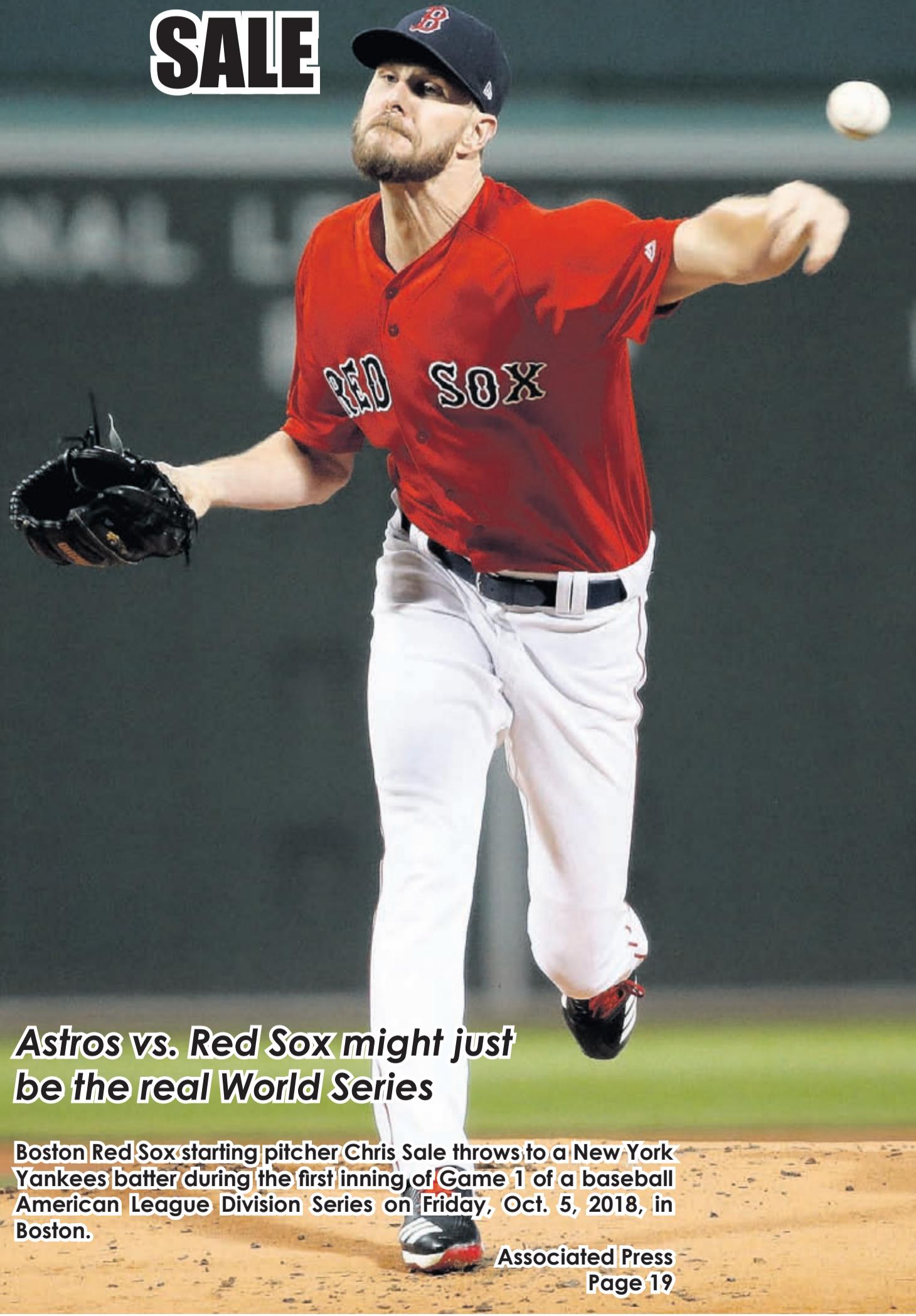
By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Columnist

What if they threw an Olympic party, but no one was willing to host it?

That day could be coming, and sooner than you might think. With news Friday that Stockholm is likely to pull out of the race for the 2026 Winter Games — just days after it was approved as a candidate city by the International Olympic Committee — there is an ever-increasing chance that no one will be left to hear its name called by the time the final decision is made next year. The only other cities interested in hosting are Calgary, Canada, and the combined Italian bid of Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo. But Calgary's proposal faces a crucial referendum next month — and polls suggest it hardly has overwhelming support — while Italy's plans are marred by a lack of government backing and the memory of Rome pulling out of the race for both the 2020 and 2024 Summer Games. As if cities needed any further reminder of what a boondoggle the Olympics is: Pyeongchang is already pondering whether to raze some of the venues it built for this year's Winter Games because there's simply no use for them, while Tokyo is set to spend a staggering \$25 billion on the next Summer Games — and maybe even more.

"They've got to rethink the whole model," said Mark Conrad, who runs the sports business program at Fordham University.

POSTSEASON SALE



Astros vs. Red Sox might just be the real World Series

Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws to a New York Yankees batter during the first inning of Game 1 of a baseball American League Division Series on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, in Boston.

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Alexander Zverev of Germany hits a return shot to Kyle Edmund of Britain during their men's singles quarterfinals match in the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Friday, Oct. 12, 2018.

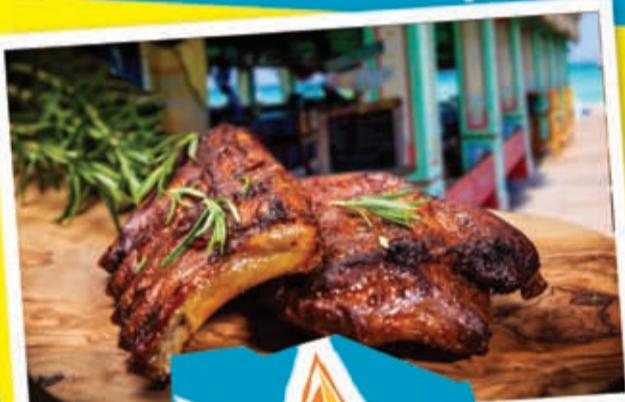
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Federer, Djokovic, Zverev advance at Shanghai Masters

By SANDRA HARWITT

Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Although Roger Federer finally won a match in straight sets at this year's Shanghai Masters, it didn't save him any energy.

The defending champion reached the semifinals Friday by beating eighth-seeded Kei Nishikori 6-4, 7-6 (4). His first two matches both went three sets.

"It was the same length, actually, as all three of my matches went the same length basically, an hour and 52 (minutes)," Federer said. "So you see, two sets sometimes doesn't tell the truth."

Federer finished the match with 10 aces and landed an impressive 71 percent of his first serves. He went up a break at the start of the second set, but then trailed 4-1 in the tiebreaker.

"I was happy to get out in two," Federer said. "I somehow got it done. I think I can be very happy with my level of play this week."

Federer, a two-time champion in Shanghai, will next face 13th-seeded Borna Coric. The Croat defeated Matthew Ebden 7-5, 6-4.

"He's really improved his game, stepping up into

the court, goes for his shots more than he used to," Federer said of Coric. "He good in defense now, he has a transition game now, and a solid serve. I've always played him when he's playing well, but I'll hope I can take it to him."

Earlier, fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev secured a spot in next month's ATP Finals with a 6-4, 6-4 quarter-final win over Kyle Edmund. Zverev is the fifth player to qualify for the season-ending tournament in London, joining Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin del Potro in the eight-player field.

"Obviously it's great to finally officially make it and obviously be part of the eight best again, which is an elite group, which is kind of the goal for everyone at the beginning of the season," Zverev said.

Zverev will next play second-seeded Djokovic in the semifinals. The Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, who is looking to win a record fourth Shanghai title, defeated seventh-seeded Kevin Anderson 7-6 (1), 6-3. Zverev won his only encounter against Djokovic in the 2017 Rome final.

"It was a different surface,"

Djokovic said of their previous match. "I wasn't, I feel like, playing as well as I'm playing today."

"But also, he has improved a lot, and he has established himself as a top player. It's going to be definitely a close match."

Anderson had a chance to take an early lead against Djokovic but he overhit a forehand on set point in the 12th game of the match. Djokovic didn't give the South African another opportunity.

Zverev, who improved to 4-0 against Edmund, saved the one break point he faced and took advantage of the two break points he earned.

The victory gave the 21-year-old Zverev a tour-leading 49th match win of the year. Dominic Thiem, who lost his opening match this week, is in second place with 48 match wins this season.

"It means a lot because I have kind of played only the biggest tournaments," Zverev said. "Obviously I don't want to stop here. There is still a lot more tennis going on till the end of the year. I'm in semifinals now, and I obviously don't want to be satisfied just yet." □

Olympic star Biles leads Team USA at world championships

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

Olympic gymnastics champion Simone Biles is ready to take on the world again. The four-time Olympic gold medalist and three-time world all-around champion headlines the six-woman group Team USA will send to the 2018 world championship in Doha, Qatar later this month.

The world championships are the first international meet for Biles since the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The 21-year-old took time off after winning five medals — including gold in the all-around,



In this Aug. 19, 2018, file photo, Simone Biles competes on the floor exercise at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Boston.

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vault, floor exercise and team final — in Brazil. She returned to competition in July and captured a fourth US championship in August. Biles will be joined by 2017

world all-around champion Morgan Hurd, 2017 US champion and 2016 Olympic alternate Ragan Smith, Riley McCusker, Grace McCallum and Kara Eaker. □

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Red Sox hope to home-field advantage makes difference

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Red Sox hope home-field advantage makes a difference after consecutive Division Series eliminations.

Boston began the post-season 0-2 on the road at Cleveland in 2016 and again at Houston last year. By winning a club-record 108 games this season, the Red Sox ensured home-field advantage through the postseason. They split at home against the Yankees last weekend, swept a pair of games in New York to advance and open the AL Championship Series against the World Series champion Astros on Saturday night.

Chris Sale starts for the Red Sox and Justin Verlander for the Astros.

Sale gave up seven runs in last year's opening 8-2 loss to Houston, including two home runs by Jose Altuve and by Alex Bregman. Sale made a rare relief appearance in Game 4 at Fenway Park, replacing Rick Porcello to start the fourth inning with Boston trailing 2-1. After Andrew Benintendi's two-run homer put the Red Sox ahead, Sale allowed Bregman's tying home run leading off the eighth and a one-out single to Evan Gattis, who gave Houston the lead for good when he scored on Josh Reddick's single against Craig Kimbrel. "Going through that the last two years helped," Brock Holt. "We're better because of what happened last year."

Boston was 57-24 at Fenway Park this year, the best



Boston Red Sox's Brock Holt holds a bat at a baseball workout, Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, in Boston. The Red Sox face the Houston Astros in Game 1 of baseball's American League Championship Series on Saturday at Boston's Fenway Park.

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home record in the major leagues, and Sale has a 1.29 ERA and .199 opponents' batting average in his last eight home starts.

"I think he just feeds off the crowd and he just feels more comfortable at home," Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts said.

Boston won the AL pennant in four of the six times it opened the Championship Series at Fenway, in 1975, 1986, 2007 and 2013, the last two en route to World Series titles. The Red Sox failed at this stage in 1988

and 1990.

"It's a big difference to be able start at home against a good team," Holt said. After beating the 100-win Yankees, the Red Sox face the 103-victory Astros. The only other year Boston met a pair of teams in the post-season with triple-digit regular-season wins was in 2004, when the Red Sox beat the Yankees (101) to become the first major league team to rebound from a 3-0 post-season deficit, then swept St. Louis (105) for their first title since 1918.

Red Sox manager Alex Cora said thus year's win over the Yankees provides a mental boost, especially after the Game 2 loss at home. "I think we grew up as a group," he said. Cora was Houston's bench coach last year before he was hired by Boston.

"Like Verlander said in spring training, to get to the World Series, you have to go through Houston," Cora said. "Here we are." Notes: 1B Mitch Moreland, who injured his right hamstring in Game 2 against

the Yankees while running the bases, participated in batting practice on Thursday. "He's feeling better," Cora said. "We've still got time to see where we're at with him. Hopefully he keeps getting better and he'll be ready to go on Saturday." ... 3B Eduardo Nunez appeared to injure himself while making the throw to first for the final out Tuesday. "He's OK. I think he slipped on that play, but then he was jumping up and down celebrating," Cora said. □

Phil Kessel has natural hat trick, Penguins beat Vegas 4-2

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Phil Kessel scored a natural hat trick and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Vegas Golden Knights 4-2 on Thursday night.

Vegas scored the first goal, and Kessel had the next three — with the final two coming on second-period breakaways. It was Kessel's sixth career hat trick and first in four seasons with Pittsburgh. His last hat trick came Feb. 1, 2014, with Toronto. Jake Guentzel scored his third goal and Evgeni Malkin had three assists. Casey DeSmith stopped 35 shots in his first regular-season start for Pittsburgh. Starter Matt Murray is day-to-day with a concussion sustained Monday during practice.

Reilly Smith scored his second of the season for Vegas and 100th career goal. Tomas Nosek also scored for Vegas, which lost its third straight and has opened the season with four losses in five games.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, RED WINGS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Auston Matthews scored twice for an NHL-leading nine goals — tying a league record after five games — and Toronto beat Detroit for its third straight victory.

Matthews joined Alex Ovechkin, Patrick Marleau, Mario Lemieux and Mike Bossy as the players in league history to score nine times in the first five games. Morgan Rielly had a goal



Pittsburgh Penguins' Phil Kessel, left, snaps a shot as Vegas Golden Knights' Colin Miller (6) defends during the second period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, in Pittsburgh. Kessel scored on the play, his second of the period and third of the game.

and an assist, giving him 11 points. Mitch Marner and Ron Hainsey also scored, and Frederik Andersen made 26 saves. Nick Jensen scored twice for Detroit and Dylan Larkin added a goal. Jimmy Howard had 30 stops.

AVALANCHE 6, SABRES 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Nathan MacKinnon scored twice to extend his season-opening goals streak to four games, and Colorado beat Buffalo.

Mackinnon matched the Colorado franchise record for a goals streak to open a season, set by John Mitchell three years ago. Semyon Varlamov stopped 30 shots to improve to 3-0. Tyson Jost, Colin Wilson,

Carl Soderberg and Alexander Kerfoot also scored, helping Colorado improve to 3-1 for the third straight season. Mikko Rantanen set up three goals and has six assists for the season. Sabres defenseman Rasmus Dahlin, the first overall draft pick this summer, got his first career point with an assist on Nathan Beaulieu's goal.

RANGERS 3, SHARKS 2, OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Brady Skjei buried a wrist shot 37 seconds into overtime to lift New York past San Jose for coach David Quinn's first career victory.

Quinn was hired away from Boston University in May. New York had dropped his first three games in his first

season as an NHL head coach.

New York's Brendan Smith tied it at 2 with 2:39 remaining in the third with a one-timer from the slot. Pavel Buchnevich set it up with a backhand pass from behind the net. Henrik Lundqvist stopped 41 shots and Brett Howden also scored for the Rangers. Aaron Dell made 24 saves, and Marcus Sorensen and Joonas Donskoi scored in San Jose's third stop of a four-game trip.

KINGS 3, CANADIENS 0

MONTRÉAL (AP) — Jack Campbell made 40 saves for his first career shutout and Los Angeles spoiled Montreal's home opener. Jeff Carter had a goal and

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assist, and Adrian Kempe and Michael Armadio also scored.

Campbell made his eighth career NHL start, getting into action with starter Jonathan Quick day-to-day after sustaining a lower-body injury in practice Sunday. Carey Price stopped 26 shots for the Canadiens.

BRUINS 3, OILERS 1

BOSTON (AP) — Brad Marchand and Joakim Nordstrom scored in a 36-second span in the first period and Jaroslav Halak stopped 25 shots to help Boston beat Edmonton.

David Pastrnak had his fourth goal of the season, and Patrice Bergeron added an empty-netter in the final minute. Connor McDavid scored his first goal of the season for Edmonton, and Cam Talbot had 28 saves. The Oilers were playing only their second game of the season. They lost to New Jersey on Saturday in Sweden.

PREDATORS 3, JETS 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Pekka Rinne made 29 saves for his 52nd career shutout, leading Nashville past Winnipeg. Ryan Hartman had a goal and an assist and Roman Josi and Ryan Johansen also scored. Connor Hellebuyck made 27 saves for the Jets. The Central Division's top two teams from a season ago met for the first time since the Jets ousted the Predators in a seven-game series in the second round of the playoffs. □



In this April 14, 2018, file photo, Nashville Predators left wing Austin Watson waits for play to resume during the team's NHL hockey playoff game against the Colorado Avalanche in Nashville, Tenn.

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NHL criticizes reduction of suspension for Predators' Watson

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL is criticizing an arbitrator's decision to reduce the suspension of Nashville Predators forward Austin Watson, who pleaded no contest in July to a domestic assault charge. Watson received a 27-game suspension from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman last month. The NHL and NHL Players' Association announced Thursday that arbitrator Shyam Das had reduced it to 18

games. The NHL issued a statement Friday saying that "we are disappointed with the Arbitrator's decision." "We firmly believe that the right of appeal to an arbitrator of League discipline was never intended to substitute the arbitrator's judgment for that of the Commissioner, particularly on matters of important League policy and the articulation of acceptable standards of conduct for

individuals involved in the National Hockey League," the NHL said in its statement. The NHL added that "we will not hesitate to adhere to and enforce — through firm discipline as necessary — the standards of personal conduct we feel are appropriate for our league." The NHL doesn't have a written domestic violence policy and takes each situation on a case-by-case basis. □

Chiefs, Mahomes will get major test in New England

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

There can be no better measuring stick for the Chiefs and young quarterback Patrick Mahomes than what they face Sunday night.

Beat the Patriots in Foxborough and all that excitement in Kansas City might be validated.

Remember, though, that the Chiefs, with Alex Smith, went into Gillette Stadium and won the 2017 kickoff to the season. They went on an up-and-down ride the rest of the way, lost in the wild-card playoff round, while the Patriots straightened out and made the Super Bowl before losing to Philadelphia.

Mahomes, of course, has looked immune to any sort of high-stakes pressure in leading the Chiefs (5-0) to the top of the AFC. He embraces this challenge and trying to outdo Tom Brady. "It is going to be a great opportunity," says Mahomes, who has a league-best 14 touchdown passes. "He is one of the greatest quarterbacks, if not the greatest to ever play. I am going against their defense, but as a team we are going to go in and try to compete. They are a good team in the AFC every single year. Just to compete against one of the best teams in the league is going to be an awesome opportunity." How familiar is Mahomes with three-time league MVP Brady, whom he has never met?

"I definitely watched a good amount of him in college (at Texas Tech)," he says. "Coach (Kliff) Kingsbury actually played with Tom at one point. He liked to show me some things that he did where he was in the pocket, his pocket movements and things like that. I have definitely taken some things from him. He does it at such a high level, it's something you have to strive to be like."

New England (3-2) is striving to be, well, New England.

After a 1-2 start, the Patriots appear to have gotten back on their usual winning path.

The weekend began with Philadelphia's 34-13 road victory over the New York Giants. Carson Wentz threw a season-high three touchdown passes for the Eagles (3-3). They beat the Giants (1-5) for the fourth straight time and seventh in eight games.

Off this week are Detroit (2-3) and New Orleans (4-1) Pittsburgh (2-2-1) at Cincinnati (4-1)

One of the NFL's most vicious and yellow-tinted rivalries. As in:

—These teams combined for four penalties for unnecessary roughness, one for unsportsmanlike conduct, one for taunting, one for roughing the passer, and two 15-yard penalties for grabbing a facemask in their previous meeting.

—Cincinnati set a club record with 173 yards in penalties in that messy affair, when the Steelers overcame a 17-0 deficit to win. More numbers of note:

—The Steelers have won the past six games in this series, nine of 10 and 14 of 17. —The Bengals are 8-24 vs. the Steelers under coach Marvin Lewis

—Lewis is 2-15 at Paul Brown Stadium against Pittsburgh.

—Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is 24-4-1 in his native Ohio, including the post-season. He's 13-2 at Paul Brown Stadium with 23 TDs, 10 interceptions.

Los Angeles Chargers (3-2) at Cleveland (2-2-1)

When last they met in Cleveland, the Browns won in their 15th game to avoid a perfect season on the wrong side of the ledger. So they lost every game in 2017, including at the Chargers.

"Not to speak too much of last year, but I could not believe and I did not feel like they were an 0-16 team or 0-14, whatever they were when we played them last year," says Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers. "It was

a good football team. They just did not find ways to win and so many (games) they had opportunities."

They've got two wins already and lead the NFL with 15 takeaways, two more than in the entire 2017 season.

Baltimore (3-2) at Tennessee (3-2)

Two clubs coming off down weekends: Tennessee was punchless at Buffalo, Baltimore was inept offensively at Cleveland.

Both can play D, though, so don't expect a lot of end zone activity in Music City. The Ravens are playing a third straight road game, then have four of the next five at home. They lead the NFL in scoring defense, allowing 15.4 points per game, with no TDs in a second half.

The Titans have allowed seven points in the first quarter and lead in red zone defense, allowing three TDs in 13 possessions for a 23.1 percent success rate by opponents.

Chicago (3-1) at Miami (3-2) The Bears have won three in a row and come off a bye. They haven't earned four straight wins since 2012.

With Khalil Mack revitalizing the defense, Chicago ranks No. 1 against the run and second overall. If second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky truly has found the passing rhythm — his six TD throws in a rout of Tampa Bay tied for second most in an NFL game — the Bears needs to be taken seriously. Miami was taken seriously until it laid eggs at New England and Cincinnati, where it blew a 17-0 lead.

The Dolphins rank third worst in yards and fifth worst in points. They have been outgained by 94 yards per game, which ranks third worst.

Carolina (3-1) at Washington (2-2)

Washington was on the wrong end of the record-setting Brees blitz through the air in New Orleans, and was damaged as much by



In this Oct. 7, 2018, file photo, Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws a pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, in Kansas City, Mo.

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penalties as inefficient defense. The usually precise Alex Smith threw an interception and was generally off-target.

Now comes Carolina, which has seven picks, is plus-5 in turnovers, and has nine sacks. The Panthers also have the NFL's top rushing offense, in part because quarterback Cam Newton is such a weapon on the ground. Newton is 4-0 with nine TDs and zero picks for a 115.4 passer rating vs. Washington, along with two rushing scores.

Washington has lost five straight to Carolina.

Los Angeles Rams (5-0) at Denver (2-3)

While Denver's defense has been getting Orange Crushed recently, LA's offense has looked unstoppable. Jared Goff leads the league with 1,727 yards passing and ranks second with a 119.7 passer rating. In the past month, Goff is averaging 374 yards per game.

Todd Gurley tops the NFL with seven TD runs and ranks second with 645 scrimmage yards. Of concern for the impressive receiving group is that Brandin Cooks and Cooper Kupp each left last week's win at Seattle with concussions.

Denver star LB Von Miller has gone sackless the past three weeks. The Broncos yielded 323 rushing yards

to the Jets, so, yes, that has caught Gurley's attention. Jacksonville (3-2) at Dallas (2-3)

Oddly, Dallas has never won its first three home games at Jerry World.

With RB Leonard Fournette still hurt, the showpiece matchup with Ezekiel Elliott disappears. Elliott has been the prime weapon for Dallas and is averaging 154 yards from scrimmage per game in the past three. But the passing game is 30th as Dak Prescott struggles without a topnotch receiver.

He'll face the stingiest defense in the NFL.

Seattle (2-3) vs. Oakland (1-4) at London Wonder if the Raiders will have as many fans in Wembley as they did in StubHub Center. They could really use the support as Jon Gruden's return season spirals out of control.

"I'm going to continue to emphasize the good and do everything I can to fix the things that are bad, because most of the things that are bad, my fingerprints are all over," Gruden said. Such as a defense, minus the traded Mack of course, that ranks 30th. Oakland has the fewest QB pressures in the league (29), tied for fewest sacks (six), and is tied for third-fewest takeaways (five).

Seattle makes its first regular-season overseas appearance. Worth watching: □

Wentz throws 3 TD passes, Eagles look Super vs. Giants

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— Breathe a little easier Philadelphia and surrounding areas. The Eagles are back and looking super. Just goes to show you what a little urgency, some big plays — and a timely game against the New York Giants can do for the defending Super Bowl champions. Carson Wentz threw a season-high three touchdown passes and the Eagles got an early lift from their defense and special teams in beating the struggling Giants 34-13 on Thursday night, avoiding their first three-game losing streak since the 2016 season.

"It's a big win for us," said Wentz, who finished 26 of 36 for 278 yards and no interceptions. "NFC East and the conference. It's huge. Being 3-3 is better than 2-4. This is more like who we are. We can build from this."

The win put the Eagles into a first place tie with Washington (2-2) in the NFC East with Dallas (2-3) a half game back. The Giants are fading fast.

Wentz sandwiched touchdowns passes of 13 and 1 yard to Alshon Jeffery around a 10-yarder to tight end Zach Ertz to help the Eagles build a 31-6 lead. They beat the Giants (1-5) for the fourth straight



Philadelphia Eagles' Jalen Mills (31) defends against New York Giants' Odell Beckham (13) during the second half of an NFL football game Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Eagles won 34-13.

time and seventh in eight games.

Corey Clement scored on a 1-yard run and Jake Elliott added field goals of 33 and 30 yards.

"This is finally the game where we played like the Philadelphia Eagles," said Ertz, who was limited to seven passes for 43 yards. "We're finally the Eagles again."

Rookie halfback Saquon Barkley scored on a 50-yard run and rushed for 130 yards in one of the few bright spots for the Giants'

offense, which was booed repeatedly in losing at home for the third time. Aldrick Rosas had field goals of 33 and 21 yards.

This was seen as a must-win game for both teams in the weak and wide-open NFC East, and the Eagles went out and grabbed it.

They came into the game having scored seven points in the first quarter and they doubled that against New York.

Eli Manning was under pressure all night from the Eagles. They sacked him

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four times and hit him 13 other times. He finished 24 of 43 for 281 yards.

"We want to get after the passer every week," coach Doug Pederson said. "These games are battles. It all comes down to which team gets after the passer. We hit Eli and put him on the ground. That was big." It started on the opening series. Kamu Grugier-Hill intercepted Manning's pass that was tipped by fellow linebacker Jordan Hicks and he returned it to Giants 16. Three plays later, Wentz was forced out of the pocket and found Jeffery after getting all day to throw.

A 46-yard run by Barkley set up Rosas' 33-yarder to cut the gap to 7-3, but the Eagles took control later in the quarter after DeAndre Carter returned a punt 23 yards to the New York 44. Passes of 17 to Jeffery and 14 to Clement set up Clement's touchdown run.

A spectacular tackle-breaking run by Barkley on a 55-yard screen pass helped cut the lead to 14-6 in the second quarter but Wentz hit a wide-open Nelson Agholor on a third and 3 and connected with Ertz for a 21-6 lead on the next play.

Elliott made it 24-6 just before halftime and Philadelphia put the game out of

reach with a 75-yard drive that ended with a short Jeffrey TD catch.

"We didn't do anything well enough to win tonight," Giants coach Pat Shurmur said. "Credit Philadelphia. Good football team."

The only thing meaningful after that was Barkley's touchdown run.

"How do I feel about my performance tonight?" Barkley asked rhetorically. "Doesn't matter to me. We didn't win."

FAN OF THE GAME

Odell Beckham Jr. headbutted a giant cooling fan during a second-half fit that also included him screaming from the sideline and eventually being calmed by Barkley. Beckham also left for the locker room before the end of the first half, though Shurmur said Beckham was excused early because of cramping.

Beckham said his tirade was just a bit of self-motivation.

"I was just trying to get myself going," he said. "I felt like some of those plays where I was getting myself going was some of my best stuff. So I was just trying to get myself fired up. I did that and it helped me."

Thursday's scene comes a week after Beckham complained the lack of down-field passes from Manning and the team's subpar energy following a 33-31 loss to Carolina. Beckham had six catches for 44 yards Thursday, and his longest reception was 12 yards.

INJURIES: Eagles LT Jason Peters left with a biceps injury. Backup cornerback Sidney Jones left in the first half with a hamstring injury. The Giants had LB Ray Ray Armstrong (concussion), WR Cody Latimer (hamstring) and CB Antonio Hamilton (illness) leave the game.

BARKLEY GAINS: Barkley has gained at least 100 yards from scrimmage in each of his first six career games. He is one off the NFL rookie record set by Kansas City's Kareem Hunt.

UP NEXT

Eagles: Host Carolina on Oct. 21.

Giants: At Atlanta on Oct. 22. □

Browns owners exploring purchase of Columbus Crew

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

— Cleveland Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam said Friday they are part of a group trying to buy the Columbus Crew to keep the MLS team in the city.

The group, which also includes Columbus-area investors, said in a statement it is moving forward to acquire the team, which appeared headed to Austin, Texas, after this season. A new stadium in downtown Columbus is part of the plan, although no details were provided.

The agreement also provides that Austin, whose city council had approved plans for a new, privately owned 20,000-seat stadium, will get an MLS expansion team no later than 2021.

"MLS is committed to keeping Crew SC in

Columbus should we continue to make progress on these critical components and agree to key terms with the investor group," the league said in a statement. Anthony Precourt, the San Francisco-based investor who owns the Crew, had courted Austin for a potential move since last year, contending that the team was no longer financially viable in Columbus without bigger crowds and a new stadium. Precourt and Richard Suttle, the Austin lobbyist who helped negotiate terms of a stadium deal there, did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Friday.

In Columbus, the announcement touched off wild celebrations among Crew fans, who had been working to save the team since Precourt made his plans public last year. □

Olympics

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Here are a few suggestions:
ROTATING HOSTS

This idea has been thrown around for years but never taken seriously by the IOC. At the very least, the Winter Games should move toward this concept as soon as possible given its more limited appeal and having fewer cities capable of even hosting the snow and ice events (maybe even fewer in the years to come, given the potentially devastating impact of climate change).

Previous hosts such as Salt Lake City, Calgary, Japan (with Sapporo and Nagano sharing the load) and Norway (a similar arrangement between Oslo and Lillehammer) would be obvious candidates to serve on a rotating basis, since they have all the necessary facilities in place. Winter sports-loving countries such as Germany, Switzerland and Austria might be willing to get on board, too, if they could be assured costs wouldn't spiral out of control.

On the Summer Olympics side, Sydney (perhaps co-hosting with Melbourne), Seoul, Los Angeles, London and Beijing all have the potential to become permanent rotating sites. It also would be a fitting gesture to include Athens, the birthplace of the modern Olympics, but the IOC would need to cough up

a few billion dollars so the Greeks could fix up all the decaying, abandoned facilities left over from the financial debacle that was the 2004 Games.

"There was more resistance to this when everyone wanted to host," said Matthew Robinson, a professor of business administration at the University of Delaware who has worked with the IOC. "Now, I think you're going to see more of an open mind to the rotating idea."

FEWER SPORTS

This is an area where the IOC has shown a complete unwillingness to make significant reforms, despite repeated calls to limit the enormous size of the games.

Instead of scaling back for the Tokyo Games, the IOC approved not one, not two, but SIX new sports: baseball, softball, sport climbing, karate, skateboarding and surfing. Not to mention, new disciplines were added for sports such as basketball (a three-on-three competition) and swimming (which will have a mixed relay for the first time). There's even talk of video gaming being added for the 2024 Paris Games, to appeal to a more youthful audience. Stop the madness.

The IOC should dump any sport that can't guarantee the participation of its best athletes (farewell, baseball), along with all



This Aug. 25, 2018, file photo, shows a general aerial view of the dismantled stadium for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics with the Olympic cauldron, right, in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

those that have limited global and spectator appeal (we're looking at you, team handball, water polo and modern pentathlon). In addition, there needs to a serious culling in the number of events, even in more popular sports such as track and field (seriously, do we need race walking?) and swimming (a staggering 37 gold medals will be doled out in Tokyo).

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WON'T COME

Another area where the IOC talks a good game but rarely follows through.

While insisting that cities should only build facilities they can use after the games, Pyeongchang was allowed to spend more than \$100 million on a temporary 35,000-seat stadium solely for the opening and closing ceremonies. Making that decision even

more ludicrous: there was an existing 22,000-seat soccer stadium in the Gangneung Olympic Park that wasn't even used during the games!

The madness continues in Tokyo.

A new aquatics center costing some \$250 million is under construction, even though the city already has a modern natatorium that will be used only for water polo. While an argument can be made that the existing facility (seating around 3,600) wasn't big enough for Olympic swimming, there's no explanation for why the organizers didn't just install a temporary pool in one of the numerous indoor areas around the Tokyo metropolitan area. For instance, the 17,000-seat Yokohama Arena (less than 20 miles from downtown Tokyo) was

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passed over as a venue.

"On paper, Tokyo looked like a very solid bid," Conrad said. "I cannot believe the costs."

The IOC needs to follow through on what it preaches, which means nixing potential white elephants and saying no to individual sports federation that insist on the most elaborate venues for their athletes.

SHARING THE BURDEN

Why does a single city essentially have to host an entire Olympics?

For that matter, there's no reason why the games couldn't be spread around the world every four years. It happened in 1956, when strict quarantine laws prevented the equestrian competition from being held in Australia, so it was shifted to Sweden (five months before the Melbourne Games, in fact). □

Former lawmaker Mary Bono named USA Gymnastics interim CEO

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — USA Gymnastics has hired former Congresswoman Mary Bono as interim president and chief executive officer.

The organization announced the move Friday. Bono will hold the position while USA Gymnastics searches for a permanent successor to Kerry Perry, who resigned under pressure from the United States Olympic Committee in September after spending nine months on the job.

Bono spent 15 years as a U.S. Representative from Southern California from 1998-2013. She won her first term in a special election running as a Republican to fill the vacancy left by the death of her husband, former pop star and lawmaker Sonny Bono. Mary Bono most recently worked at a consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

"Mary is passionate about the sport, and having her as our interim president and CEO will move the organization forward," USA Gymnastics board chair-

man Karen Golz said in a statement. USA Gymnastics is still struggling to emerge from the fallout of the sexual abuse scandal surrounding former team doctor Larry Nassar. More than 200 women have come forward over the last two years claiming they were sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of treatment, including current or former members of the organization's elite program.

The group of survivors includes reigning Olympic champion Simone Biles,

who was named to the 2018 world championship team on Friday shortly before Bono's hiring was announced. Nassar is now serving decades in prison for child pornography and sexual assault. USA Gymnastics is in mediation in an attempt to settle dozens of civil lawsuits filed against it in the wake of the revelations against Nassar.

Perry took over as USA Gymnastics president on Dec. 1, 2017 but was pushed out in September by the USOC following a series of missteps, including

the botched hiring and firing of its elite development coordinator.

The coach, Mary Lee Tracy, was an early supporter of Nassar when allegations against him began to surface two years ago. After the announcement of her promotion, Tracy made an attempt to reach out to six-time Olympic medalist Aly Raisman — herself a Nassar victim — after Raisman called Tracy's hiring "a slap in the face for survivors" and proof that the organization had not changed. □

Purging long-forgotten online accounts: Worth the trouble?

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

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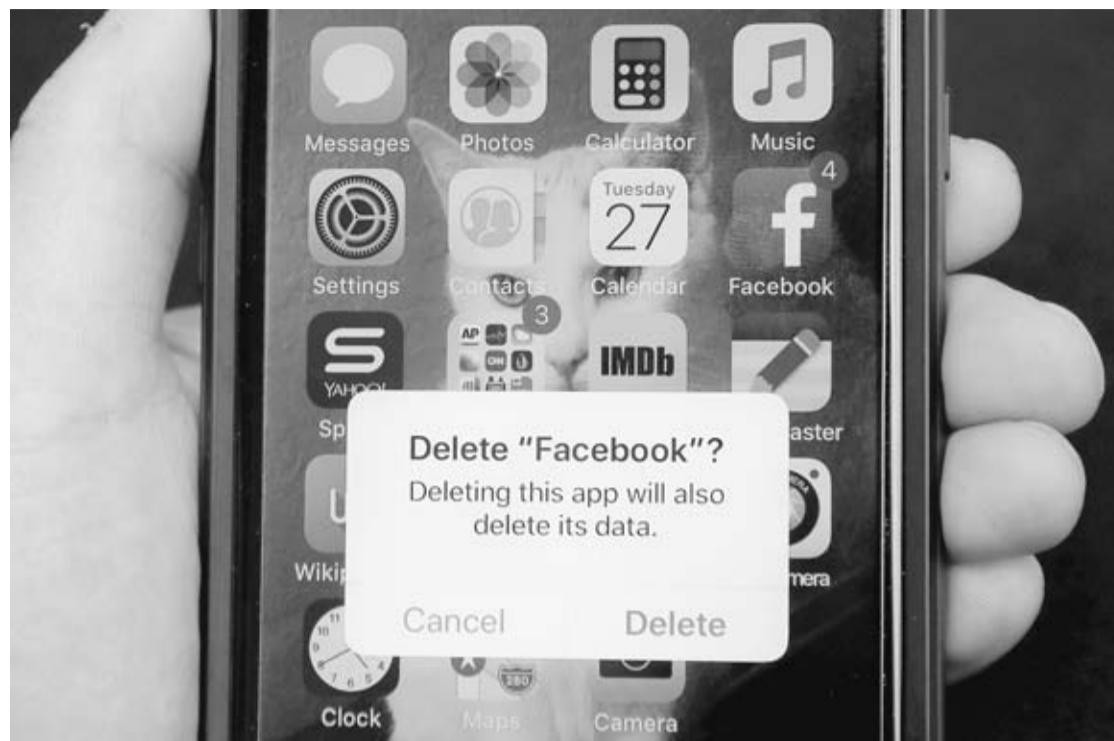
NEW YORK (AP) — The internet is riddled with long-forgotten accounts on social media, dating apps and various shopping sites used once or twice. Sure, you should delete all those unused logins and passwords. And eat your vegetables. And go to the gym.

But is it even possible to delete your zombie online footprints — or worth your time to do so?

Earlier this month, a little-used social network notified its few users that it will soon shut down. No, not Google Plus; that came five days later, following the disclosure of a bug that exposed data on a half-million people. The earlier shutdown involved Path, created by a former Facebook employee in 2010 as an alternative to Facebook. Then there's Ello sending you monthly emails to remind you that this plucky but little-known social network still exists somehow.

It might not seem like a big deal to have these accounts linger. But with hacking in the news constantly, including a breach affecting nearly 30 million Facebook accounts, you might not want all that data sitting around.

You might not have a choice if it's a service you



In this March 27, 2018, file photo, a reporter holds a phone showing the Facebook app in San Francisco.

use regularly. But for those you no longer use, consider a purge. Plus, it might feel good to get your online life in order, the way organizing a closet does.

Take dating apps such as Tinder, long after you found a steady partner or gave up on finding one. You might have deleted Tinder from your phone, but the ghost of your Tinder account is still out there — just not getting any matches, as Tinder shows only "active" users to potential mates.

Or consider Yahoo. Long after many people stopped using it, Yahoo in 2016 suf-

fered the biggest publicly disclosed hack in history, exposing the names, email addresses, birth dates and other information from 3 billion active and dormant accounts. This sort of information is a goldmine for malicious actors looking to steal identities and gain access to financial accounts. Trouble is, cleaning up your digital past isn't easy.

For one, finding all the old accounts can be a pain. For some of us, it might not even be possible to recall every dating site and every would-be Twitter that never was, not to mention shop-

ping or event ticketing sites you bought one thing from and forgot about.

Then, you'll have to figure out which of your many email accounts you used to log in to a service, then recover passwords and answer annoying security questions — assuming you even remember what your favorite movie or fruit was at the time. Only then might you discover that you can't even delete your account. Yahoo, for instance, didn't allow users to delete accounts or change personally identifying information they shared, such as their

birthday, until pressured to do so after the breach.

Even without these hurdles, real life gets in the way. There are probably good reasons you still haven't organized your closet, either. Perhaps a better approach is to focus on the most sensitive accounts. It might not matter than a news site still has your log in, if you never gave it a credit card or other personal details (of course, if you reused your bank password you might be at risk).

Rich Mogull, CEO of data security firm Securisys, said people should think about what information they had provided to services they no longer use and whether that information could be damaging should private posts and messages inadvertently become public. Dating sites, in particular, can be a trove of potentially damaging information. Once you're in a relationship, delete those accounts.

It's wise to set aside a time each year — maybe after you do your taxes or right after the holidays — to manage old accounts, said Theresa Payton, who runs the security consulting company Fortalice Solutions and served under President George W. Bush as White House chief information officer. □



This July 16, 2013 file photo shows a sign at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook says hackers ac-

cessed data from 29 million accounts as part of the security breach disclosed two weeks ago, fewer than the

Facebook: Hackers accessed 29M accounts, fewer than thought

50 million it initially believed were affected.

The hackers accessed name, email addresses or phone numbers from these accounts, according to Facebook. For 14 million of them, hackers got even more data, such as hometown, birthdate, the last 10 places they checked into or the 15 most recent searches.

An additional 1 million accounts were affected, but hackers didn't get any information from them.

Facebook isn't giving a breakdown of where these users are, but says the

breach was "fairly broad." It plans to send messages to people whose accounts were hacked.

Facebook said third-party apps and Facebook apps like WhatsApp and Instagram were unaffected by the breach.

Facebook said the FBI is investigating, but asked the company not to discuss who may be behind the attack. The company said it hasn't ruled out the possibility of smaller-scale attacks that used the same vulnerability.

Facebook has said the attackers gained the ability

to "seize control" of those user accounts by stealing digital keys the company uses to keep users logged in. They could do so by exploiting three distinct bugs in Facebook's code. The company said it has fixed the bugs and logged out affected users to reset those digital keys.

At the time, CEO Mark Zuckerberg — whose own account was compromised — said attackers would have had the ability to view private messages or post on someone's account, but there's no sign that they did. □

Social Security checks will grow in 2019 as inflation rises

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of millions of Social Security recipients and other retirees will get a 2.8 percent boost in benefits next year as inflation edges higher. It's the biggest increase most retired baby boomers have gotten.

Following a stretch of low inflation, the cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, for 2019 is the highest in seven years. It amounts to \$39 a month for the average retired worker, according to estimates released Thursday by the Social Security Administration.

The COLA affects household budgets for about one in five Americans, including Social Security beneficiaries, disabled veterans and federal retirees. That's about 70 million people, enough to send ripples through the economy. Unlike most private pensions, Social Security has featured inflation protection since 1975. Beneficiaries also gain from compounding since COLAs become part of their underlying benefit, the base for future cost-of-living increases.

Nonetheless many retirees and their advocates say the annual adjustment is



In this Feb. 11, 2005 file photo, trays of printed social security checks wait to be mailed from the U.S. Treasury's Financial Management services facility in Philadelphia.

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too meager and doesn't reflect higher health care costs for older people. Federal budget hawks take the opposite view, arguing that increases should be smaller to reflect consumers' penny-pinching responses when costs go up.

With the COLA, the estimated average monthly Social Security payment for a retired worker will be \$1,461 a month next year.

"For more recent retirees, the 2019 COLA will be the largest increase they have gotten to date," said policy

analyst Mary Johnson, of the nonpartisan Senior Citizens League.

Her Medigap insurance for costs not covered by Medicare is going up, and so is her prescription drug plan. She expects her Medicare Part B premium for outpatient care will also up.

"It isn't enough of an increase that it takes care of all of the increases from health care, plus rent — our rent gets increased every year," said Deakin, 70, who worked in the finance department at a boat dealer-

ship.

Health care costs eat up about one-third of her income, she estimated.

"I appreciate the COLA adjustment, and in no way am I complaining," Deakin added. "It's just that every single thing you can talk about goes up. It doesn't go down."

By law, the COLA is based on a broad index of consumer prices. Advocates for seniors claim the general index doesn't accurately capture the rising prices they face, especially for

health care and housing. They want the government to switch to an index that reflects the spending patterns of older people.

"What the COLA should be based on is still a very real issue," said William Arnone, CEO of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a research organization not involved in lobbying.

"Older people spend their money in categories that are going up at a higher rate than overall inflation." The COLA is now based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, or CPI-W, which measures price changes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, energy, medical care, recreation and education.

Advocates for the elderly would prefer the CPI-E, an experimental measure from the government that reflects costs for households headed by a person age 62 or older. It usually outpaces general inflation, though not always.

COLAs can be small or zero, as was the case in several recent years. People often blame the president when that happens. However, the White House can't dictate the COLA, which is calculated by nonpolitical experts. □

Citigroup profit rises to \$4.6 billion, beats Street views

By KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Citigroup said Friday that its third-quarter profits rose 12 percent from a year earlier, as the banking conglomerate was able to cut expenses and benefited from lower taxes. That was more than enough to make up for a small drop in revenue.

The New York-based bank earned \$4.62 billion in the third quarter, up from \$4.13 billion a year ago. Citi earned a profit of \$1.74 per share, which was better than the \$1.68 a share that was expected according to a survey of analysts' by FactSet.

Citi was able to grow profits despite a small drop in revenue compared to a year earlier. The bank's revenue was \$18.39 billion in the quarter, down from \$18.42 billion a year earlier. That's despite the steady rise in interest rates in the last year. While Citi earned more in interest income last quarter, the bank also had to pay more for deposits, which effectively negated any gains.

Expenses were down 1 percent from a year earlier. Most of Citi's profit growth came because of lower taxes. Like other big companies, Citi got a big tax break from the tax law

passed last year. The amount of money the bank set aside for income taxes last quarter was down 21 percent from a year earlier.

One place of weakness this quarter was Citi's credit card division, one of the bank's bigger businesses in the U.S. Branded card revenue slipped 3 percent last quarter from a year earlier, despite higher interest rate. Citi's investment banking division had a relatively strong quarter. Net income for Citi's institutional clients group was up 2 percent from a year earlier. The banks saw higher trading revenue in stocks, bonds



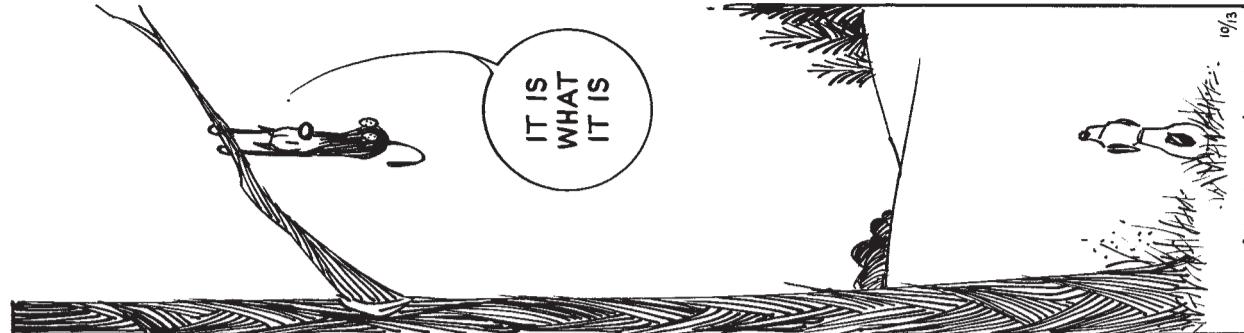
In this March 16, 2017, file photo, a customer enters a Citibank branch, in New York.

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and currencies, one of Citi's specialties. Shares of Citi rose 1.2 percent in late-morning trad-

ing on Friday to \$69.20 a share. Citi's shares are down roughly 6 percent this year. □

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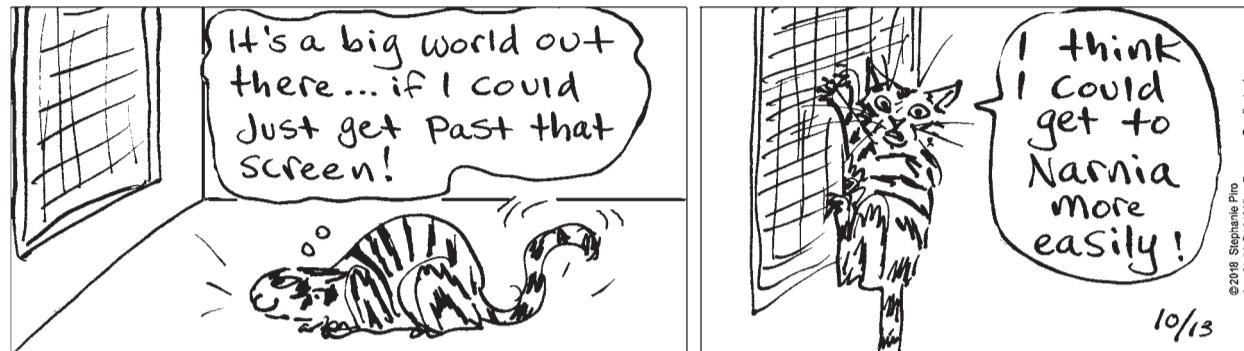
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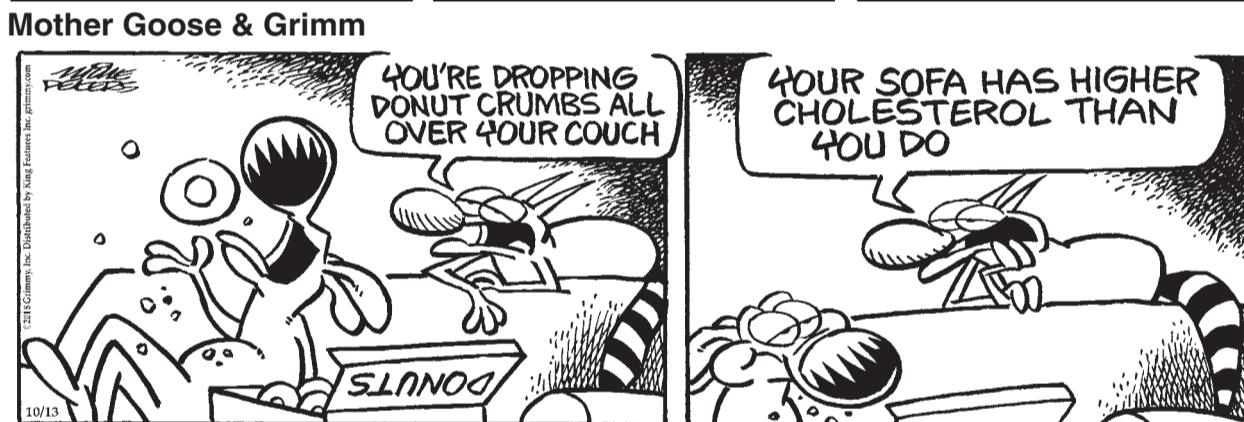
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In this photo provided by Sea World Australia, rescuers try to free a whale calf tangled in a shark net off Greenmount Beach Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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Humpback whale calf rescued from net off Australian beach

Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — A whale calf has been freed after becoming tangled in a shark net off the Australian east coast.

Experts from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and Sea World Gold Coast worked for almost two hours on Tuesday morning to untangle the humpback calf from a net about 500 meters (yards) off Greenmount Beach at Gold Coast city.

The nets are suspended from buoys to protect swimmers at Gold Coast beaches from shark attack.

"The calf had some superficial wounds from the entanglement, but nothing life threatening, and swam away with its mother when released," Sea World Gold Coast said in a statement. Sea World director of marine sciences Trevor Long said the rescue was a distressing experience.

"It was a very, very young calf — heavily engaged in the net, it was almost enveloped in the net — so quite distressing for the calf and quite distressing for the mother," Long told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"The mother was very close to the calf and very close to us and very interested in what we were doing," he said.

"I honestly believe the mother realized we were helping the calf and not

injuring the calf and that was why she was calm," he added.

Long said the quantity of abrasions on the calf's skin where it had been rubbed raw by the ropes suggested it had been tangled for some time.

Someone walking on the beach had spotted the whale early Tuesday and alerted authorities. □

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AP Exclusive: Tests show toxin in chain stores' jewelry



This Sept. 20, 2018, photo provided by the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) in Oakland, Calif., shows jewelry items loaded with the toxic metal cadmium they bought from the shelves of national retailers, at the center in Oakland.

By ARIEL TU

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jewelry with the toxic metal cadmium is showing up on the shelves of national retailers including Ross, Nordstrom Rack and Papaya, according to newly released test results.

Analysis done for the non-profit Center for Environmental Health revealed some jewelry sold with women's dresses and shirts was nearly pure cadmium, which can cause cancer and reproductive harm after prolonged exposure.

Consumer advocates were hopeful cadmium had disappeared from the U.S. jewelry market following changes prompted by a 2010 Associated Press in-

vestigation that found Chinese manufacturers were using the metal to make kids' jewelry. States including California outlawed cadmium in children's jewelry, and testing by the center found the chemical had virtually disappeared from jewelry by 2012.

No laws address cadmium in adult jewelry, however, and last year the center decided to check those products. Lab testing found 31 adult jewelry items purchased from retail stores were at least 40 percent cadmium, and most were more than 90 percent, according to results shared exclusively with the AP.

California's law allows no more than 0.03 percent cadmium in children's jew-

elry. The precise health risk from the tested jewelry is unclear because researchers did not assess whether small amounts shed when the jewelry is handled and worn.

Over time, cadmium accumulates in the body and can damage the kidneys and bones. Most exposure happens by ingesting small amounts or by breathing it, most commonly through tobacco, which can contain cadmium. Researchers also have documented some absorption through skin contact, though the phenomenon is not well-studied.

Michael Harbut, a practicing doctor who as a university professor has researched cadmium's cancer-causing properties, noted that contact can trigger skin rashes including psoriasis.

"Cadmium is bad," said Harbut, who teaches at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. "Given a choice between wearing something with cadmium in it, or wearing something without

cadmium in it, I would take the product without cadmium."

The Oakland-based non-profit bought all the test samples in the San Francisco Bay Area this year or last. The extent to which contaminated jewelry is in stores elsewhere isn't clear, though a national retailer would not typically limit a product to just one region. The center said the problem should not be underestimated because of the limited market sampling.

"If you're the person that buys and is wearing that jewelry, you don't really care whether it's a common problem or a rare problem," said Caroline Cox, senior scientist at the center. "You have a problem."

Brent Cleaveland, executive director of the Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association, said he does not believe the test results suggest a larger problem. Most major retailers have a stringent system for testing and analyzing what they sell, he said. Most of the tainted items

were sold at Ross, which operates more than 1,400 stores in 38 states. One pendant from a necklace chain was 100 percent cadmium, according to the testing.

In a written statement, Ross said it is committed to protecting its customers and has "addressed this issue with our supplier." The retailer would not say whether it pulled suspect jewelry from stores.

The brands found with high cadmium levels in Ross stores include Tacera and Vibe Sportswear.

Xinwei Xie, chief executive officer at Trend Textile Inc., which owns Tacera, declined to comment when reached by phone. The Skate Group Inc., which owns Vibe Sportswear, did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Steven Kim, an attorney representing Papaya, said the company has recalled the products where contamination was found and stopped buying from the manufacturer in China.

"Our manufacturers are required to represent and warrant that their products are in legal compliance," Kim said. "Papaya is very strict and stops doing business with any manufacturer which fails to comply."

Nordstrom spokeswoman Emily Sterken said the company is "reaching out to these vendors to make them aware of the situation and get more information on these items."

The Center for Environmental Health has long used California law to force companies to reduce levels of harmful materials in consumer products, including cadmium and lead in jewelry. Under the state's Proposition 65, businesses must inform consumers about significant exposures to chemicals that cause cancer or other reproductive harm. The nonprofit has settled Proposition 65 claims against 36 companies, including Gap Inc. and Target Corp., which agreed to not sell jewelry with more than 0.03 percent cadmium. □

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Country women applaud CMT for all-female awards show

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country icon Loretta Lynn doesn't mince words when it comes to CMT's decision to honor all-female artists, including Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert and more, at its annual Artists of the Year show, where Lynn will be recognized as an artist of a lifetime.

"It's about dadgum time that we recognize women and not just country music but all music," Lynn, 86, said in a statement to The Associated Press. "A big yee haw to CMT for doing so." The coal miner's daughter has been blazing trails for women in country music since the 1960s, and she'll be honored on Oct. 17 in Nashville, Tennessee, by her friend and actress Sissy Spacek, who won an Oscar for portraying her in the hit biopic.

While women have been struggling to be played on radio and on streaming playlists or earn nominations for country awards, CMT decided to celebrate the ladies this year, with honors going also to Kimberly Schlapman and Karen Fairchild of Little Big



This combination photo shows country music artists, Loretta Lynn, Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert, Hillary Scott, Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, Maren Morris and Kelsea Ballerini, who will be honored at CMT's annual Artists of the Year show on Oct. 17 in Nashville, Tenn.

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Town, Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum, Maren Morris and Kelsea Ballerini.

Ballerini's debut album resulted in three consecutive No. 1 country radio singles, the first time any female artist had done so in the genre, and she was part of CMT's Next Women of Country, a yearly installment of new and upcom-

ing female artists that CMT supports. Ballerini said she worried that the lack of women in country music was just going to remain a conversation in the industry, without any real action to correct it.

"Finally we're seeing people actually do stuff about it," Ballerini said. "CMT choosing to use their plat-

form, which is a massive platform in country music, to honor only women is not just conversation, but actual change. That's a massive step forward."

The night will feature the honorees in cross-genre collaborations with special guests. Ballerini will be singing with Alison Krauss, Morris will be doing a tribute to

Aretha Franklin with Brandi Carlile, and the women from Little Big Town will be singing with soul legend Gladys Knight. Scott will be singing with pop singer Tori Kelly and gospel singer Kirk Franklin. Leslie Fram, CMT's senior vice president of music strategy, said the timing just felt right for CMT to make the change this year. For the past couple of years, award shows from the Oscars to the Grammys have been trying to address a lack of diversity in nominees and winners.

"And if you look at all these artists individually, they have all had amazing accomplishments individually, whether it's professionally or personally and things that they do in their community, so it really made sense this year," Fram said.

"We have to support each other," Lambert said. "It's not an industry supporting us. It's us believing in each other and respecting each other's art and I think that it also pushes us to be better when someone is really great. You need a little competition. As long as the women keep delivering, I think it's just building it up, building it up." □

Beyoncé, Jay Z appear at City of Hope cancer charity event

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Beyoncé paid homage to a high-profile music executive being honored at a charity event to raise money for cancer research.

The singer's vocals soared as she performed three ballads including her 2009 smash hit "Halo" and "Ava Maria" after saluting the character of Warner/Chappell Music Publishing CEO Jon Platt at the City of Hope gala near Los Angeles on Thursday night. She took the stage following her husband, Jay Z, who presented Platt with the Spirit of Life award during a charity event that raised more than \$6 million.

"Most people lead with their ego, but you lead with your heart," Beyoncé said



In this April 28, 2018, file photo, Jay-Z and Beyoncé watch Game 1 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series between the Golden State Warriors and the New Orleans Pelicans in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

Platt, who will soon be leaving his position at Warner/Chappell to take on the top role at Sony/ATV, the top publishing company in the music business.

"You have touched so many lives, mine included," she added.

Jay Z called Platt the "Obama of the music industry." The music executive is

known for signing publishing deals with Jay Z, Usher, Kanye West and Snoop Dogg. His roster of songwriters at Warner/Chappell includes Lil Wayne, Bruno Mars and Timbaland.

Both Beyoncé and Jay Z appeared at the black-tie charity event after the couple wrapped up their On The Run II tour about a week ago.

"I can't think of anyone more deserving of this award than my brother, Jon Platt," Jay Z told more than 1,000 attendees. "He's known as 'Big Jon' and he has a beautiful soul."

City of Hope is a treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases raising more than \$118 million in the group's 45-years. The award is the group's highest honor rec-

ognizing those that have helped further music, film and entertainment.

Previous Spirit of Life award recipients include Quincy Jones, Clive Davis, Irving Azoff and Mo Ostin.

Music mogul Diddy, singer Usher, former NBA player Chauncey Billups and some of Platt's family members took part in a video dedicated to the music executive. Platt's oldest son, Jonathan Platt, was diagnosed with diabetes.

"As an African-American, I want to say that we're more than just athletes and music artists. ... We're CEOs," Platt said.

Pharrell Williams hosted the star-studded event that included Quincy Jones, Dr. Dre, Tiffany Haddish, Usher, Timbaland, Derek Fisher and Rita Ora. □

A timely story of addiction in ‘Beautiful Boy’

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

Relapse is part of recovery. That's what one doctor in "Beautiful Boy" tells David Sheff (Steve Carell), the distraught father of a teenage son, Nic (Timothée Chalamet), who has been dabbling in alcohol, weed, cocaine, heroin and crystal meth, and has become an addict.

He disappears for nights on end from his father's idyllic home in the woods outside of San Francisco which he shares with a stepmother, Karen (Maura Tierney), and his two very young step-siblings. He steals his little sister's savings (\$8). He lies. He hurts everyone around him. He goes to rehab. He seems to be turning over a new leaf. And then he starts the cycle all over again.

"Beautiful Boy" is an honest portrait of how addiction affects families and how it's not something that can be wrapped up and packaged into a neat and tidy narrative. It's ugly and messy, with moments of grace and hope, but mostly despair. The film is based



This image released by Amazon Studios shows Timothée Chalamet, left, and Steve Carell in a scene from "Beautiful Boy."

on a pair of memoirs, one by Nic Sheff and one by David Sheff, and directed by Belgian filmmaker Felix Van Groeningen in his English language debut. This may be depicting a family's story in the recent past, but there is hardly a more timely subject matter to explore.

Van Groeningen directs the melded stories in an

unconventional and often disorienting way, jumping back and forward in time with abandon and not a lot of establishing context. Some jumps make sense, like David, sitting in a cafe and waiting for his grown son to meet him after a bender, and remembering sitting at that same table years ago with Nic as a much younger child and

goofing around trying to speak Klingon to one another. Others are just confusing. Is Nic returning after a semester in college, you wonder? Did he graduate? When, exactly, does he smoke pot with his father? Before or after he confesses to trying meth? Perhaps disorientation is the point, a commentary on life and jumbled memo-

ries, but for the viewer it can be trying at times. The editing choices can make this film seem occasionally like one extended montage or lovely-looking music video. Van Groeningen also tends to favor flashbacks to various stages of Nic's pre-teen childhood as David looks adoringly on his sweet, innocent son. It's all well and good, but are we to be surprised that an addict could have once been a sweet and innocent child?

It is a frustrating diversion mainly because the best parts of "Beautiful Boy" are when Carell and Chalamet are together. I wonder whether there is a version of this movie that exists where the timeline is straight, and it is just laser focused on Nic's ups and downs since he started using drugs. Both actors excel together, especially in gut-wrenching scenes like the aforementioned one in the cafe, where David refuses this time to give Nic any money. You can see in Carell's empathetic eyes that the ultimatum is killing him inside. □

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Lisa Unger's 'Under My Skin' weaves baffling puzzle

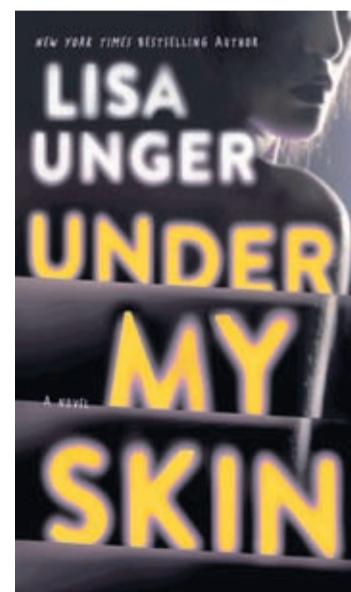
By JEFF AYERS
Associated Press

"Under My Skin" (Park Row), by Lisa Unger

A woman's life spirals out of control as she battles with the loss of her husband in Lisa Unger's latest psychological thriller, "Under My Skin."

Poppy's husband, Jack, was murdered a year ago while he was jogging through a city park in New York. When she received the news, the pain was so intense, she blacked out and ended up having no memory of several days. In fact, her next memory has her disoriented and wearing clothes she doesn't recognize.

She's tried to move on, and has even tried dating again, but no one comes close to Jack. It also



This cover image released by Park Row shows "Under My Skin," a novel by Lisa Unger.

Associated Press

doesn't help that the murder was never solved. Poppy begins to see a therapist, but the nightmares grow and she starts seeing

a strange man wearing a gray hoodie who seems to be stalking her. Is this the killer coming back for her, or is she imagining him? Since she sometimes sees her dead husband, she's not sure if the stalker — or anything else — is real.

Can Poppy climb out of her grief to find the truth? If she can, she will quickly discover that sometimes the facts are worse than manufactured reality.

Unger knows how to craft a tale that not only incorporates characters that feel real, but also weaves a baffling puzzle that keeps readers guessing. For a story that is steeped in grief and darkness, Unger's steady hand keeps hope shining throughout, so it's not difficult to enjoy this captivating thriller. □

Roberta Flack ready to sing again

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Once a week, Roberta Flack gives a musical performance for an exclusive group.

The lucky audience consists of a musical director, who works with the legend to keep her instrument — her voice — in top form. It would be an important exercise for any singer, but even more critical given that the 81-year-old singer had a stroke more than two years ago and suffered a collapse that led to a brief hospitalization earlier this year. "I know what it is to go over the same songs over and over again, and to try to make them perfect. It's interesting and it's hard and it's difficult at the same time," Flack said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press this week. "You have to stay on top of things."

The public will get a chance to hear the result of those musical tuneups, courtesy of the Jazz Foundation of America, when it honors her Saturday.

"I am very excited about the event, to sing, and to perform. I'm just hoping that I can find the right song," said Flack, whose long list of hits include "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," "Killing Me Softly with His Song" and "Feel Like Makin' Love."



In this Oct. 10, 2018 photo, singer Roberta Flack poses for a portrait in New York.

Associated Press

The Jazz Foundation of America provides assistance of all types to musicians who have suffered setbacks, whether they're medical, financial or both. It was set to give Flack its lifetime achievement award at the Apollo Theater at a concert featuring Cassandra Wilson, Alabama Shakes lead singer Brittany Howard, Nona Hendryx and more. But Flack collapsed backstage and was rushed to the hospital. The concert went on without her. On Saturday, the foundation holds its annual loft party, where they will honor

Flack again, and Flack is expected to sing — her first public performance in at least a year. Participants include another music legend and friend, Valerie Simpson, along with Macy Gray.

"I'm very excited that they want to give me an award, and I'm excited about the cause of the award, and the whole thing. I'm hyped about it," Flack said.

Flack spoke to the AP at her assisted living facility in Manhattan. Sitting in a wheelchair and looking glamorous with curly hair cascading down her shoulders, the Grammy winner

was bright-eyed and articulate during a nearly 30-minute conversation, though she occasionally relied on her manager to provide her with information about the weekend event, to also feature actors Rosie Perez and Michael Imperioli. When asked if she'd sing one of her old hits, she quickly retorted: "There's no such thing as an old hit," preferring the term "classic" instead. "I could sing any number of songs that I've recorded through the years, easily, I could sing them, but I'm going to pick those songs that move me," Flack said.

"Now that's hard to do. To be moved, to be moved constantly by your own songs. You need it to be in tune with them, and I don't mean in tune musically, but I mean in tune with the lyrics of the songs, with the words of the songs, and with the meaning. You need to be in tune with all of that, and that takes a little bit of doing." Her work with the musical director from the Jazz Foundation is part of that keeping in tune. Flack's connection to the group started years ago, when they enlisted her to perform at a benefit for the late folk great Odetta, who had fallen on hard times.

"Ten years ago, she came out to help us when we were helping Odetta, who was one of her idols," said Wendy Oxenham, the foundation's executive director. "Roberta has been all of our idols. And now, since her stroke, we've been able to give back and help her, which is so beautiful."

Oxenham said the foundation is glad it has another opportunity to honor Flack. "We didn't want her to miss this because she is loved around the world, and she's kept so many of us going through our hard times with her music, and she's been such an icon and pioneer in her genre," she said. "We want her to know how loved she is." □

No live Barb, many Demogorgons at Universal haunted house

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) —

There may be no "Justice for Barb" at Universal Orlando's haunted house based on the Netflix hit, "Stranger Things," but the beloved, ill-fated character does appear in grand, gory style. The "Stranger Things" house is one of 10 haunted houses built for this year's Halloween Horror Nights, the most haunted houses ever in 28 years of celebrating all things horror at the Orlando theme park resort. "Stranger Things" haunted houses also are at Halloween Horror Nights celebrations at Universal parks in

Hollywood and Singapore, running from mid-September to the beginning of November.

Patrons walking through the "Stranger Things" haunted house follow the plot contours of the first season. There's the shed where Will disappears, the Byers home where letters on the walls and Christmas lights help Joyce communicate with her missing son, the hellish Upside Down world, the lab where the malfeasance begins and even Eleven's frozen waffles. Oh yeah, there's a monstrous Demogorgon seemingly around every corner, ready to scare the bejesus out of

you. Actually, there are multiple performers playing the looming monster at any given time in the house. Adult, female performers play the four Bar Mitzvah-aged-boy leads.

Other performers play Nancy, Steve, Sheriff Hopper and Joyce. Different characters populate the house at different times of the night so patrons walking through it get different experiences.

Netflix and the show's vendors worked with Universal to make sure the bed sheets and the wallpaper in the Byers house was the same as in the TV show. □



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 photo, the character Barb appears in grand, gory style in the Stranger Things haunted house during Halloween Horror nights at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

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